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BIRTHS.

On the 14th February, at 35, Markham Road, Shanghai, the wife of G. C. LEW, of a daughter.

On the 15th February, at 39, Seward Road, Shanghai, the wife of CHAS. G. BAROTH, of a daughter.

On the 17th February, at 8, Woosung Road, Shanghai, the wife of JAMES TIPPIN, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

On the 1th January, at St. Leonard's Parish Church, Streatham, by the Rev. W. H. Tasker, HARRY ERNEST SHADGETT, of Shanghai, China, to BEATRICE, daughter of the late HENRY HUMPHREYS, of Cheltenham.

DEATH.

On the 7th February, at S. Helen's, 26A Syed Alley Road, Newton, Singapore, LAURA HELEN, the wife of Dr. J. M. HANDY.

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ARRIVAL OF MAILS.

The French Mail of the 23rd January arrived per s.s. *Sydney* on the 24th inst., and the English Mail of the 29th January is expected to arrive per s.s. *Coromandel* some time to-day, the 27th inst.

EPITOME OF THE WEEK.

Our Canton correspondent wires that a disastrous fire broke out in Canton at about 5 a.m. on the 24th inst. in Tong-u-Lan, West Canton, and was still in progress at one o'clock. A large number of houses have been destroyed, probably quite 500, and the damage is put at about \$1,000,000. Further details will be found on p. 162.

War telegrams, etc., will be found on p. 159.

Admiral Alexieff and all members of his staff are now installed at Harbin.

The civilians at Vladivostok have been ordered to leave owing to scarcity of food. The Government is taking everything available.

There was a panic on the Paris Bourse last Saturday in consequence of various baseless rumours that Italy, Germany, and France were mobilising.

A Russian Imperial ukase relieves General Kuropatkin of the functions of War Minister, and appoints him commander-in-chief of the army in Manchuria.

Russia and Japan in reply to the United States Note say they are prepared to respect the neutrality of China outside Manchuria, the actual seat of war.

A movement is on foot in the Philippines to have Emilio Aguinaldo appointed to the honorary commission which is to represent those islands at the St. Louis Exposition.

Father Pieper, of the Steyl Mission at Puoly (Puerb, Yunnan), is reported to be the most probable candidate for the German Episcopate of South Shantung, to succeed the late Bishop Anzer.

A squadron, believed to be the Russian one recently reported at Jibuti, passed Perim at midnight, bound northward. This coincides with the reports in St. Petersburg that the squadron had been ordered home.

The French newspapers have opened subscription lists for the Russian sick and wounded. The *Temps* publishes an article laying stress on the anxiety of both Great Britain and France to remain aloof from the war, and urges both countries not to let their inclinations carry them beyond what is proper.

According to the *P and O Times* the Russian force at Kalgan, which is overawing Peking, amounted on the 7th inst. to 572 men. There were 3,500 Chinese troops there. Mr. Lessar has again notified the Chinese Government that Russia is going to send troops to Tientsin and Peking to protect these places.

H.E. Sir Ernest Satow, G.C.M.G., British Minister at Peking, will, says the *China Times*, pay a visit to Tientsin at the close of this month, when he will open the Anglo-Chinese Museum and Library instituted by Dr. Lavington Hart in connection with the Tientsin Anglo-Chinese Church and College. The opening takes place to-day.

The Superintendent of the Great Northern Telegraph Co. informed us on the 24th that the Company's new route to Europe via Peking and Irkutsk has this day been opened for all traffic, at same rates as via Vladivostok. Telegrams intended for this route to be marked 'via Kiachta.' All telegrams for Europe handed to the Company will during the interruption of the Vladivostok line be forwarded via Kiachta.

The Hongkong Jockey Club Race Meeting took place this week. An account of the three principal days will be found on p. 164.

The Italian cruisers *Calabria*, *Carlo Alberto*, *Lombardia*, and *Dogale* have been ordered to the Far East.

The *Times* says that Great Britain's sympathy with Japan is natural and legitimate, and sufficient, should the improbable emergency arise, to enable the Government to give effect to all the terms of the Japanese treaty. British sympathy is not merely grounded on the fact that Japan is our ally, but it draws strength and justification from the knowledge that Japan is fighting the battle of all civilised nations.

Reuter's Agency at Aden wires that the P. & O. s.s. *Mongolia* encountered a Russian battleship and four destroyers in the Red Sea. A destroyer endeavoured to cut off the *Mongolia*, but failed, when the whole squadron gave chase, and, being unable to overtake the steamer, signalled her to halt; upon which the *Mongolia* stopped and a destroyer approached, and, after a careful scrutiny of the ship, signalled "beg to be excused."

According to the *Straits Echo* Mr. Justice Law has decided that the Supreme Court has no power to hear appeals from convictions by the Registrar of Jirikishas, who holds the power of a magistrate under the recently passed Ordinance. Mr. Solicitor-General Hudson is said to have recommended the sentence—three months' imprisonment for assaulting a fare—to be set aside and the amended Ordinance again amended to empower the Supreme Court to hear appeals of this nature.

Reuter's correspondent, with the special permission of the authorities, has visited Port Arthur, which the Russians claim to be capable of two years' resistance. Two bodies of troops are making a parallel march towards the Yalu, with Phyang-an as the objective, and while advancing troops to the Yalu the centre is being strengthened and preparations made to defend the railway and the North Gulf Coast. The Russians admit their unpreparedness, but are now hurrying forward reinforcements.

On Thursday the surprising news reached Hongkong that four Japanese battleships had been sunk at Port Arthur. This came from several sources, all apparently springing from a Russian official despatch. Some accounts added two transports to be lost also. On Friday, however, the mystery was cleared up and it is now known that the ships sunk were four steamers, loaded by the Japanese with combustibles and sent into Port Arthur. The Russians sank them before they could do any damage, and the entrance to the harbour is still clear.

The *Mercury's* Peking correspondent writes under date 10th February:—The *exequaturs* for Mr. Fleming D. Cheshire, as Consul-General of the United States at Mukden, and for James W. Davidson, United States Consul at Antung, were to-day granted by the Chinese Government, and their commissions are now on the way to Peking. Mr. Cheshire was formerly the Chinese Secretary of the United States Legation here, and Mr. Davidson the United States Consul at Formosa. They are expected soon to arrive at their posts.

THE WAR BETWEEN JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

(Daily Press, 24th February.)

True to their unfortunate habit of being able to see but one side of a question, the Russian Government in Europe has been trying to make capital out of the fact that the Japanese attack on Port Arthur was commenced prior to the official declaration of war. There is, on the other hand, every reason to believe that the Russians were contemplating such a step as in 1853 they took in the destruction of the Turkish fleet in the harbour of Sinope. It is true that towards the latter end of October in that year the Tsar NICHOLAS I. issued a proclamation in which he announced that Russia was challenged to the fight: "Nothing, therefore, remains but in confident reliance upon God, to have recourse to arms, in order to compel the Ottoman Government to respect treaties," &c. Such a proclamation might fairly be looked upon as a declaration of war, and it doubtless would have been accepted for such but for the subsequent action of Russia. A few days after, on the 31st October, Count NESSELDORF sent a circular to the Russian representatives at the various European courts informing them that, "notwithstanding the declaration of war, and as long as his master's dignity and his interests would permit, Russia would abstain from taking the offensive, and content herself with holding her position in the Principalities until she had succeeded in obtaining the satisfaction she required." Believing in the distinct pledge thus given, the French and English fleets, though they had on the 22nd November come up to Constantinople, refused, though prayed by the Turkish Admiral, to take any steps towards entering the Black Sea. For some days the Russian fleet had been cruising on and off Sinope taking note of the position of the Turkish ships, and the Turkish Admiral had rightly interpreted this as portending an attack. The allied commanders, preferring to believe in the good faith of the Russian Government, pooh-poohed the Turkish Admiral's fears. The result is history. On the 30th November the Russian Admiral, finding the coast clear, attacked and utterly destroyed the Turkish fleet as it lay in the harbour.

Now, we are not altogether without reason for believing that some such coup was planned in the present case by the Russian fleet, and only the superior readiness of the Japanese naval commander prevented it being put in practice. On the 5th instant Mr. KURINO informed the Russian Government in St. Petersburg that, Russia having delayed for 22 days in replying to Japan's last Note, and having in the meanwhile been hurrying on her preparations for war, the latter Power refused to any longer protract negotiations. The next day the Russian Minister at Tokyo was formally given notice that diplomatic relations between the two Powers had ceased, and Japan reserved to herself the right of acting without further notification. On the 5th instant we find the Tsar NICHOLAS II, in apparent imitation of his great grandfather on the eve of the slaughter at Sinope, going through the farce of commending his cause to God; on both sides, in fact, everything was done to proclaim to the world that the two countries were actually at war, and the commencement of actual hostilities would begin as soon as either side felt itself in a position to begin. Now what had the Russians actually been doing? Under pretence of submitting

terms likely to be acceptable to Japan, they had been hurrying reinforcements to the Far East. It was not pretended by the other side that they were committing any breach of international practice by so doing; the relations between the two countries have at any time within the last six months been of such a hostile nature that it has been fully recognised by both that hostilities might at any time break out on four-and-twenty hours' notice. At the beginning of the month we find Russia carefully placing her ships where they would be ready to act on the moment. Russia made little secret that one of her first steps would be to take possession of Chemulpo; and we find her on the announcement by Japan that all relations had ceased with two ships at this advantageous position. Japan, according to all rules of naval warfare, could plainly not afford to leave them, without some effort at dislodging them, and a regular naval battle seems to have been fought, wherein Japan was an easy victor, easier probably than she expected. The Japanese Admiral then, acting on the safe rule of his profession, always to follow up an advantage, boldly made sail for Port Arthur. He was probably quite unaware at the time that the principal officers of the Russian fleet were at that moment enjoying the delights of an entertainment at the Opera House. Admiral ALEXIEFF, the Viceroy, seems to have considered it no part of his duty to fight, and possibly the officers, finding the cat away, thought it a fine opportunity for a lark. At all events the Japanese seem to have found Port Arthur not at home; and before morning three of the finest ships in port found themselves utterly disabled. It is true many of these things happened through what is ordinarily called luck, but if an army so far trusts in divine favour as to omit precautions ordinarily taken in garrison in peace time it is hardly becoming to throw the blame of a mess on Providence. Heaven, as NAPOLEON remarked under somewhat similar circumstances, is generally on the side of the biggest battalions. Certainly he does not favour big feasts in war-time, as BELSHAZZAR found to his cost.

So much for Japan's actions on the eventful 8th of February. It is now worth while to look at Russia's. During the early days of the month, when Russia was, according to the statements she would wish believed of her innocent intentions, at perfect peace with Japan, she sent up a large section of her fleet into the Sea of Japan. On the innocent dodge, what would it have been doing? Vladivostock, the only port possessed by Russia, is at this season entirely shut off from Japanese waters; it is plain, therefore, it could not have been for merely defensive purposes. The indications therefore are that it was to be in readiness to make an assault on some part of Japan as soon as the first news of war arrived. As we have said before, there is nothing contrary to international usage in this; so to manoeuvre as to be in a position to strike the first blow is held to be one of the most admirable points of good strategy. That the Russians were outmanoeuvred is what must happen to one or other in war, and reflects no moral obliquity on either side. But other evidences are not wanting to show that the Russians were perfectly well aware of the position on the 9th instant, when it is attempted to plead that there was no state of war. We have heard a good deal of the extraordinary conduct of a Russian gunboat, the *Mandjour*, in Shanghai waters. The *Mandjour*, it seems, on the morning of the 9th instant, before any news of commenced hostilities could arrive, was lying in the harbour. As a neutral port she, as a commis-

sioned warship of a State in a state of war, had no right to be in Shanghai, and was actually firing up with the intention of leaving on the tide. The first knowledge that the public had that war had broken out was given by the *Mandjour*, who in the forenoon suddenly raised three Russian ensigns at her mast-heads. This of course is the usual indication of war having been declared, and under ordinary circumstances would have been looked upon as simply a notification of that being the case. In the instance of the *Mandjour*, making use of the hospitality of a friendly, though neutral port, it seemed to the foreign residents an instance of extreme ill taste, it being known that the ship would have extreme difficulty in reaching safely the nearest Russian port, Port Arthur; and her raising the bunting was taken merely as a renewed instance of the eagerness with which Russians have stuck to their now discredited game of bluff. Not a word or a rumour of war having actually broken out had at the time reached Shanghai; indeed, the attack of the warships at Port Arthur had only occurred that morning. The Russians in fact were prepared, had not the Japanese by a few hours forestalled them, to make an attack on the Japanese coast. The further actions of the gunboat are indicative of the respect likely to be paid to international rules by the Russians. On the morning of the 8th the *Mandjour* was all ready to leave on the turn of the tide, but vague rumours of Japanese activity having come in in the course of the day, by the evening her commander thought fit to change his mind. No one would have been disposed to be too hard on him under the circumstances, and had he taken down his pennant in compliment to the port on whose hospitality he was unwillingly trespassing, the incident might have passed without notice. Such, however, we hear from latest information, was not the course that recommended itself. The *Mandjour* still remained flying her pennant as a man-of-war in a neutral port. How this curious and abnormal position is to end has apparently not yet been decided by the powers that be.

NEUTRALITY QUESTIONS.

(Daily Press, 23rd February.)

The questions as to neutrality and the rights and duties of neutrals which have arisen during the present brief duration of war between Japan and Russia are very numerous; in fact, more numerous by far than in the corresponding period of any other war in history. A few of the cases are specially noteworthy. China has proclaimed neutrality, for one, yet there is no chance of the neutrality of Manchuria being respected. Already the Russians are treating Newchwang as if it were on the same footing as Port Arthur. Thus, though Russia has not yet claimed the whole of Manchuria, it is certain that the entire province will be tacitly accounted by both combatants, and by the watching Powers as a legitimate battle-ground. Corea again has proclaimed neutrality. But the Japanese at Chemulpo on the 9th instant refused to recognise this neutrality, and ordered the *Varyag* and *Koreetz* out of the harbour, in spite, it seems, of the protests of the British, French, and Italian (but not of the United States) commanders in the port. Japan has since occupied Chemulpo and Seoul in great force. Corea, like Manchuria, will evidently be recognised as part of the theatre of war. This is definitely stated, indeed, in a Berlin telegram of the 16th instant. Then, again, we get the question of

the *Mandjour*, which has been lying at Shanghai since the outbreak of war. Last week the Chinese Government ordered her away, in correct pursuance of the rules of neutrality. But the commander refused to obey, and the Chinese had no means of obliging him to do so. Two rumours are current, one that the Japanese are about to send a cruiser or two up the river after the *Mandjour*—which is most unlikely—and the other that she has been sold to a third Power—which looks like a breach of neutrality. Another most important case, or rather series of cases, arising since war broke out is that no less than four British steamers and one German have been fired upon by the Russians at Port Arthur. The most flagrant case was that of the *Fuping*, fully described in another column. It is not possible to believe that nothing more will be heard of these cases. More wanton and unnecessary attacks on harmless and unprotected steamers have never been made.

Still more interest attaches to the broader question in what way the various Powers will interpret their declarations of neutrality; particularly how Britain and France will do so in connection with their treaties with Japan and Russia respectively. The *Mainichi* published lately a telegram dated the 11th instant, apparently from Vienna, which stated that a member of the French Chamber of Deputies had arranged to interpellate the Government as to whether the Russo-French alliance extended to the Far East. M. DELCASSE, however, announced to the leaders of the various political parties that there was no danger of France becoming involved in the present struggle. He further declared that, even if a third Power intervenes, France will render only moral assistance to Russia. The Franco-Russian treaty, in fact, could not be regarded as applying to the Far East. This statement, if confirmed, is of the highest possible importance and sets at rest the gravest anxieties. If France were to feel bound to give Russia military co-operation in the Far East in certain events, then a general conflagration would be at least within measurable distance. If, on the other hand, she only considers moral support due from her to Russia, even in event of a third Power intervening in the struggle in the Far East, there need be no fear of any friction, or worse, arising between France and Great Britain. As to the latter's position, the Government has declared that it will act up to the fullest obligations of the treaty with Japan. Germany has declared strict neutrality. It is reported that of late the Press has conspicuously supported Japan's cause, and it is believed that the members of the Government now favour Japan. Germany's official declaration of neutrality was delayed because she never before has issued such a declaration, and therefore it was necessary first to consult with the Crown's attorneys in regard to its wording. Even the lesser Powers are following suit, and it is officially announced from Copenhagen that military steps have been taken to secure Denmark's neutrality. From some of the greater nations, it is true, such as Austria-Hungary and Italy, nothing so far has been heard, but the smallness of their present interests in the field of action no doubt makes them feel it unnecessary to hasten. In the other hemisphere there seems every ground to believe that, while the official attitude of the United States will be strictly impartial, the tendency of public opinion is more and more benevolent to Japan. The neutrality which promises to become universal is not going to be in favour of Russia, it seems.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HONGKONG.

(Daily Press 26th February.)

It will have been seen from the paragraph published in our issue of yesterday that Mr. ROBERT SHEWAN wrote to the *London Times* a letter, dated the 12th December last, in which he commented on Sir HENRY BLAKE's reply to Mr. ALLEYNE IRELAND's criticisms on the administration of Hongkong. Mr. IRELAND made a very sweeping denunciation of Government methods in this Colony, and our late Governor replied at considerable length, defending in particular the Civil Servants of Hongkong from certain charges which he considered Mr. IRELAND to have brought against them unjustly. In this respect the advantage of the argument lay rather with Sir HENRY BLAKE, for in saying, as he did, that in Hongkong it is considered the worst of bad form in Government circles to appear interested in one's work the writer of the *Times* articles on Colonial Administration was decidedly in error. The charge was not a fair one, and by making it Mr. IRELAND weakened his case. That was unfortunate, for the cause which he was pleading. Mr. SHEWAN has now taken it up in answer to Sir HENRY BLAKE, and puts the case in another and more effective way. He says that Mr. IRELAND has only voiced the feelings of Europeans in Hongkong and their dissatisfaction with a system of government by men sent out by the Colonial Office who know nothing of the Colony's wants and ways. He continues:—"The more able and energetic spirits among whom quickly pass out of the Colonial service into the law or other professions where the rewards are much greater. In proof of this I may point out that almost all the principal firms of architects and civil engineers now in Hongkong have been founded by gentlemen who were sent out by the Colonial Office at the Colony's expense." Mr. SHEWAN pays a tribute to our late Governor, admitting that he was in many respects an able administrator, but thinks that he claims too much in his defence of his administration in the *Times*. With this Hongkong will agree, we think. With regard to Sir HENRY's statement that Professor SIMPSON visited the Colony at his request, Mr. SHEWAN says that he forgot to add that this was forced upon him, and that his Government did nothing until the community took the matter in hand publicly and appointed a committee, which drew up and forwarded a petition to the home Government for enquiry, resulting in Messrs. CHADWICK and SIMPSON being sent out. This surely cannot be controverted. It was the public agitation which forced the Government's hand, not the Government which led and directed the agitation. Mr. SHEWAN concludes by saying that he might, but for considerations of space, touch on the evils of "the want of water, the state of the roads, the backwardness of all Government work, the ridiculous Admiralty Dock, overcrowding of Chinese, etc." We take it that Mr. SHEWAN does not charge all these evils to the recent administration. He knows of course that they are inherited evils due to past maladministration. The fault of recent local government here is that it has not striven vigorously enough to find the cure, and has been too content to tinker rather than renew. Sir HENRY BLAKE and his advisers fail by lack of initiative. Too much attention was paid to building up a big surplus revenue, while public works remained a discredit to the Colony. Hongkong is very prosperous and the Government

revenue is noteworthy for the size of the Colony. But it is the policy of its Governor which has made us what we are. Out-and-out denunciations of the whole system of administration will do no good. On the other hand, an over-zealous defence equally defeats its object. Mr. SHEWAN seems to represent best the general view of the community when, while allowing our late Governor's administrative ability in many respects, he nevertheless condemns the system generally.

THE WAR.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

Kobe, 22nd Feb. 7.30 p.m.

The crew of the s.s. *Nagoura* (? *Nokanoura Maru*) arrived at Nagasaki to-day on the s.s. *Stolberg* from Vladivostok. The passengers and crew, excepting two that were drowned, were saved by Russians.

SHANGHAI, 23rd Feb., 8.47 p.m.

Viceroy Yuan Shi-kai has been appointed Commander-in-Chief and General Ma Yu-kun Second-in-Command of the foreign-drilled Chinese troops in Manchuria west of the Liao River.

LONDON, 24th Feb. 11.30 a.m.

General Kuropatkin leaves St. Petersburg three weeks hence to take up supreme military command in the Far East.

Seventy miles of railway and bridges between Harbin and Vladivostok have been destroyed.

LONDON, 24th Feb., 6.20 p.m.

The Russian official reports state that four Japanese battleships and two transports have been sunk at Port Arthur. The names of the vessels are not given.

LONDON, 25th Feb., 11.15 a.m.

Viceroy Alexieff, in a telegram to the Tsar, states that on the 24th instant the Japanese attempted to block Port Arthur by means of steamers filled with explosives. Four steamers—not battleships—were destroyed. The entrance is reported to be still clear.

SHANGHAI TELEGRAMS.

The following Northern telegrams are from the *N.-C. Daily News*:—

Weihaiwei, 13th February.—Two Japanese battleships and four cruisers have passed towards the Shantung Promontory with what was supposed to be a German gunboat following them. The latter returned towards Chefoo, apparently pursued by a Japanese warship.

Tokyo, 13th February.—The Japanese have occupied the Russian coal depot at Rozo Island, Chemulpo, where they found 800 tons of coal stored.

Tokyo, 13th February.—The Japanese Government having decided to accept popular contributions to the War Fund, the Japanese Consulates are everywhere receiving offers in Great Britain, the United States, China, and Corea.

Tokyo, 14th February.—The journalists and business men of Tokyo and Yokohama resolved to-day to support the Government no matter how long the war continues. Tokyo is prepared even alone to take up the whole proposed issue of Exchequer bonds. The Japanese Minister at Washington has received to date eight million dollars in contributions to the War Fund.

Tokyo, 14th February.—The prompt acceptance by the United States of Japan's application to her to protect Japan's interests in Russia and Manchuria, taken in conjunction with the recent offer of Dr. McGee to send a large staff of nurses to Japan, has genuinely impressed the Government and people of Japan, and is regarded as a further guarantee of brotherhood.

Tokyo, 15th February.—It is reported that two hundred Japanese fugitives have been detained at Tashihohiao and escorted to Port Arthur. This has caused excitement and indignation in Japan.

Tokyo, 16th February.—After much ill-treatment, the Japanese fugitives finally left Port Arthur for Chefoo yesterday. The exodus of Japanese from Siberia is now completed.

Tokyo, 16th February.—It has transpired that upon the receipt of the Port Arthur news, four Russian warships left Vladivostok for Hokkaido, but it is now understood that they have returned to Vladivostok.

Tokyo 17th February.—In reference to Secretary Hay's overtures, Japan agrees to the neutralisation of China, excluding Manchuria which Russia still occupies, and Japan adheres thereto unless Russia violates China's neutrality (which she is doing by keeping the *Mandjour* at Shanghai.—ED.), on which Japan originally insisted.

Tokyo, 17th February.—The Emperor has announced that the ancient gold and silver treasures of the Palace are to be utilised for the War Fund.

THE BATTLES AT PORT ARTHUR.

We are indebted to the *N.-C. Daily News* for the following account of the torpedo attack on Port Arthur and the subsequent bombardment. Our contemporary takes the story from Captain Gray, of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company's steamer *Fuping*, who also gave an account of the *Fuping's* own extraordinary experiences. Flying the British flag, with all her papers in order, and having every permission to leave, the *Fuping* was fired upon, without the slightest warning, at short range and with three shells. Five of her Chinese passengers were seriously injured and the rest panic-stricken. Such an attack with shell on a neutral commercial vessel, without any preliminary blank firing, is absolutely unprecedented.

The *Fuping* arrived in Port Arthur from Chinwangtao, with a cargo of Kaiping coal, on Friday, the 5th February. By the morning of the 8th, the whole cargo had been discharged and the vessel was to leave next day. At midnight of the 8th, the captain and crew were startled into wakefulness by the reports of heavy guns firing. In the darkness and confusion of the night little could be seen, but next morning the harbour was full of evidences of Japanese activity during the night.

When the *Fuping* entered Port Arthur the Russian squadron of 18 large vessels in all (not counting one second-class cruiser which was under repair inside the West Basin and took no part in the actions) was riding outside the harbour immediately under the forts which rise above the entrance on the north-east side. There they had remained all the time until the 8th. At daylight on the 9th it was seen that two of the largest vessels, the *Retvizan* and the *Tsarevitch*, were lying in a sinking condition right across the narrow mouth of the harbour and completely blocking it. Just beyond and on the western side of the entrance were lying the first-class cruiser *Pallada*, which had been torpedoed and run ashore to save her from sinking, and a large Russian transport which had also run ashore for safety.

Captain Gray, with his second officer and chief and second engineers, put off in a small boat on a voyage of inspection. They had with them a crew of four Chinese and pulled round to the *Tsarevitch* and *Retvizan*. These were seen at once to be damaged beyond possibility of repair in the limited dock accommodation available at Port Arthur at present. They had gone all round these two vessels, and were proceeding to look similarly at the *Pallada* when the report of a loud explosion rang out. Simultaneously a shell fell right alongside their boat. It was then about half-past ten o'clock. The remainder of the Russian fleet were still lying under shelter of the forts on the other side of the harbour; but immediately following the explosion one of them, whether a battleship or a cruiser it was impossible to say, disappeared stern first in the water, taking all hands, or so it seemed inevitable, with it. The whole incident scarcely took more than a minute or so. One of the Chinese in Captain Gray's boat had been badly scalped; and he with his three terrified compatriots leaped overboard into the water. The four foreigners ran their craft ashore and took

shelter behind a rock whence they looked out on what was now a general engagement.

Sixteen Japanese men-of-war were approaching from the East in a long line, single file. Their fire was returned by the Russian squadron and the forts on the headland, and a terrific din of booming continued for three-quarters of an hour. Then the Japanese having sailed right along the front of the fleet and harbour made off, still in line, towards the South. So far as could be seen they had themselves sustained little or no damage. It will be seen that Vice-roy Alexieff does not claim that any Japanese vessel was even seriously injured.

Town and dock had, on the other hand, suffered severely, though the actual damage was not so great as might have been expected from a bombardment. Three shells fell into the East Basin without doing very much harm; another went through the side of a transport lying just outside the dry dock, but for some reason it did not explode. In the town holes as much as fifteen feet in diameter and six or seven feet deep had been ploughed up by the shells. Windows were shattered in all the houses and coal stacked along the streets and wharves had been scattered in all directions. Fortunately for the Russians it did not fire, or the conflagration might have been enormous.

The townspeople, foreign and Chinese alike, were stupefied with fear. From the Russo-Chinese Bank all the paper money was being taken and burnt publicly; the specie was put into carts and sent away inland as rapidly as possible. At three o'clock in the afternoon the Government took charge of all stores and provisions. Many houses of business were closed permanently and their heads had fled. The railway station was besieged. Port Arthur was, in fact, absolutely demoralised and panic-stricken. The defencelessness of the place impressed the authorities. For days previously thousands of troops had been leaving as fast as the trains would take them north for the Yalu. Now as many as possible are being hurriedly recalled, and the Port is again filling with troops.

During Wednesday morning tugs got to work on the *Tsarevitch* and succeeded in dragging her inside the West basin, where she has grounded, her name being absolutely submerged at high water. If she were able to float as is alleged from the Russian side, she would ride with her head to the wind, but although there was a strong northerly gale blowing when the *Fuping* left, the *Tsarevitch* was immovable. The same was true of the *Pallada*, which was also successfully towed inside. The *Retvizan* still lay in the harbour mouth, but was sufficiently pulled aside to allow the remains of the fleet to enter the East Basin on Wednesday afternoon. She was lying on the rocks with her bows under water.

The number of men-of-war lost or disabled Captain Gray computed at eight. Including the one vessel inside the harbour under repairs the Russians had nineteen large warships at Port Arthur before the fighting. When he left Captain Gray counted fourteen only, and that number included the *Tsarevitch*, *Retvizan*, and *Pallada*. Thus five were absolutely unaccounted for.

In regard to the repairing of the damaged vessels, it is worth noting that there is at present only one dry dock at Port Arthur, and that too small to take a large battleship. Another, 750 feet long, is being constructed out of the solid rock, but it will be some years at least before this is ready, if it is ever completed.

After the bombardment the *Fuping* became crowded with refugees. About 500 Chinese besides sixteen foreigners came on board. There were no state-rooms available; every inch of space was occupied with baggage, and the travellers were obliged to sleep as best they could on deck or in any corners. They were unable to sleep out of their clothes until they arrived at Shanghai.

At three o'clock on the afternoon of Wednesday, Captain Gray prepared to depart. A German steamer, the *Chefoo*, left twenty minutes before him and passed out safely. In the morning at ten o'clock he had been called to the office of the steamer agent's and told that he would have to sign certain documents in Russian before he would be allowed to sail. His reply was that he would sign anything that would enable him to leave, and asked the

meaning of one statement. It was translated to him as meaning that he would promise not to divulge outside what the real condition of affairs in Port Arthur was. This he signed. Next he was asked to sign another paper, which was said to mean that he had only three days' provisions on board. Why he should be asked to make such a statement he could not guess, but he signed the paper. Two hours later he received full permission to leave.

Steaming out of the West Basin with the British ensign flying at the main, the *Fuping* was abreast of the guardship at the mouth of the harbour (we understand from a passenger that this was the corvette *Razboynik* commanded by Prince Levin) when, without the slightest hint or warning, without a single blank charge as a preliminary, the guardship sent a two-inch shell whizzing over the deck. Immediately afterwards two other shells followed and struck the *Fuping* in the bows, fortunately above the waterline, but doing much damage. The shells burst also in the part of the ship most crowded with Chinese passengers and five of these were very badly wounded. One poor girl had a leg blown off, a man lost an arm, another a portion of his back. Consternation seized all on board the *Fuping*, which stopped immediately, and returned to the inner harbour. Later on Captain Gray was sent for by the commander of the guardship, but all that was said to him was: "We are very sorry; it was a mistake; you may proceed to sea." At five o'clock the *Fuping* again got under weigh and this time passed out without any incident. In the ordinary course the voyage would have been made direct to Shanghai, but the indignity to the British flag was not to be endured, and Captain Gray put into Weihaiwei to report the occurrence to Captain Windham, of H.M.S. *Amphitrite*. The voyage was resumed almost immediately and the boat arrived at Shanghai on Saturday afternoon, the 13th inst.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

On the 14th inst. the American s.s. *Pleiades* arrived at Chefoo from Port Arthur during the forenoon. She had reached Port Arthur from Puget Sound, with a cargo of flour, on Sunday, the 7th instant. An officer of the *Pleiades*, interviewed, said she had brought over between 500 and 600 Chinese passengers, mostly old men, women, and children connected with the Russian dockyards, etc., and also about ten Europeans. He stated that four large Russian men-of-war had been placed *hors de combat* by Japanese torpedoes on the night of the 8th February. The *Tsarevitch* sank outside the harbour, but was still able to use her guns. Another, of French build, said to be the best of the fleet, was sunk or resting on her bottom inside the harbour. The water was pouring out of her all the time from her pumps, and divers were constantly at work on her. At low water one could see two feet below her armour belt. The *Retvizan* and another ironclad were also badly damaged, neither being able to move and being completely "out of commission." On Tuesday, the 9th, the bombardment commenced at 11 a.m., according to the officer's watch, and continued until 11.45 a.m. The Japanese were evidently only trying the range and getting it remarkably well, for many of the shots fell in the town and amongst the shipping. The officer interviewed showed some pieces of the copper banding which takes the rifling of the guns. These had fallen on his ship, and he said some of the engineers had pieces of the iron of shells which had burst around the ship. The Japanese ships bombarding were from 7 to 8 miles away and were evidently the sixteen ships seen by the str. *Foochow* the same morning off Cap Island, outside Dalny. The *Foochow* was proceeding from Dalny to Chefoo with Japanese refugees. The chief officer of the *Foochow* said that two of the Japanese cruisers were so close in to land that their flags could not be distinguished. An officer of the *Pleiades* said that before they left Port Arthur there was a report that a Russian man-of-war was laying mines in Dalny harbour, that he had a patent of his own, and that it was so successful that his own ship struck one of the mines and the ship was destroyed, captain and crew of 350 being killed. It was added that now other Russian ships were afraid to enter Dalny, not knowing the position of the mines on account of the deaths of those

who had laid them. A Russian officer told the *Pleiades* officer that he was "afraid the news was true." The *Pleiades* reported that she was discharging her cargo of flour when the bombardment took place and that the coolies all left after discharging a few bags. She brought the rest of her cargo to Chefoo. The British str. *Foxton Hall* was also there with a cargo of Welsh coal (4,000 tons) and could not discharge it. The captain asked to be allowed to leave the port but the Port Admiral refused to allow the ship to leave and told him he had better take his crew and leave at the first opportunity on another vessel. He took the advice and left on the Norwegian str. *Ariel*, leaving his ship and coal in the hands of the Russian authorities.

In most cases the Russian authorities demand a written affirmation from masters of vessels that they will not divulge anything as to the state of affairs in Port Arthur.

EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES OF THE "HSIPING."

We also take the following from the *N.-C. Daily News*:-

The Chinese Engineering and Mining Company's steamers are unlucky. When the *Fuping* was fired upon, as she was leaving Port Arthur, the affair was described by the Russians as a mistake. Now another of their vessels, the *Hsiping*, has had an experience, not so disastrous fortunately, but quite as remarkable. Fired at four times without cause or warning, ordered into Dalny over mines newly-laid and of uncertain location, and detained there without justification for four days, it is no wonder that Captain Macfarlane has filed a strong protest with the authorities of the Russian port. By permission of Captain Macfarlane we give what is practically a transcription from his log of an eventful passage.

The *Hsiping* left Chinwangtao on the 19th February just after midnight, bound for Shanghai. She experienced a head gale and very high sea, and the vessel laboured heavily, shipping large quantities of water. At 6.30 a.m. it was found that the tarpaulin of No. 4 hold had been washed off by the sea and that water had got into the 'tween decks. The gale continued and the sea was running very high. Captain Macfarlane decided therefore to run into Port Arthur roads for shelter. He passed the Liautishan Promontory and lighthouse about noon on the same day, and saw a large Russian cruiser, cruising off and on the lighthouse. The cruiser turned and escorted the *Hsiping* into the roads. At a quarter-past one, when the *Hsiping* arrived at the anchorage, a Russian cruiser at anchor fired a shot at her, and shortly afterwards (not before) hoisted the signal "anchor instantly." The direction was followed as soon as possible. At a quarter-past four the weather having moderated, and the hatches having been taken off to see that all was right below, the *Hsiping* weighed and proceeded for Shanghai. She had gone about a mile or so away from the cruiser at anchor when the latter opened fire, and fired three shots. One came towards the *Hsiping's* quarter, the second fell astern. By this time the *Hsiping* had stopped and rounded, but the third shot came and passed over her. The *Hsiping* proceeded back. A torpedo-boat destroyer came out from the anchorage and remained by her cleared for action, until Captain Macfarlane's anchor was let go about half-past five. No signal had been given to prevent the *Hsiping* leaving until after the shots had been fired, and the vessel was well on her way back to her anchorage.

At 9 p.m. the *Hsiping* received orders from a torpedo-boat to put out all lights, and this was done. About 11.30 heavy firing was heard from the shore batteries, and also from a small war vessel cruising about, and about midnight the *Hsiping* was hailed by a rowboat and ordered to put out her fires, which was also done.

Next morning at 6 a.m. Captain Macfarlane hoisted a signal, "When can I proceed to sea?" Two hours later the harbour launch came off and ordered the ship to go to Dalny with the sister steamer *Chingping*, the German steamer *Pronto*, and a Russian merchant steamer. The *Hsiping* proceeded to Dalny, still flying the same signal. They arrived outside Dalny at a quarter-past two and anchored inside about a quarter of an hour later. A harbour official came out and

took the ship's papers ashore. At six o'clock a Russian sentry was sent on board and remained till the following evening, the ship remaining anchored meantime.

When the sentry was relieved at seven o'clock on the evening of the 12th, Captain Macfarlane sent by him a protest against the detention of his ship by force majeure to the Captain of the port representing the Russian Government. On the morning of the 13th at ten o'clock the captain was visited by Mr. Walde-mar Marc, assistant to the Dalny Port commissioner, accompanied by Mr. Edward Soper, acting as interpreter. Mr. Marc stated that owing to the mines that had been placed in the harbour it was impossible for the *Hsiping* to leave. Captain Macfarlane represented to him that it was an impolitic proceeding to have sent four merchant steamers to a harbour that was mined. Mr. Marc replied that half an hour before the *Hsiping's* arrival, a Russian vessel which had been laying the mines had been blown up, with great loss of life, by one of her own mines; that there were only two men who knew the position of the mines; that these were the captain and officer of the vessel destroyed; and that they had been killed. Unless therefore there was a copy of the plan for mining at Port Arthur, it was impossible to know where the mines were, and therefore the *Hsiping* could not be allowed to leave until the mines were relaid. Captain Macfarlane remarked that a small Russian vessel was cruising all this time at the entrance of the harbour, and was told in reply that that boat only drew six feet of water.

Captain Macfarlane then complained of the risk to which he and his vessel had been exposed in being sent to enter Dalny without a pilot, and was told that it was believed the vessel which had been accidentally blown up would otherwise have piloted them in. He also pointed out that the ship ran the risk of being destroyed or captured should the Japanese attack Dalny, and Mr. Soper admitted there would be such a danger. On requesting to be allowed to take his ship further in, Captain Macfarlane was told that might be permitted. He represented further that no inquiries had been made or reason given for the detention of the ship at Port Arthur or for her being sent to Dalny; also that he had been exposed to heavy firing from the batteries at Port Arthur on the night of the 10th February. Capt. Macfarlane also told the interpreter that he was not aware of any reason for his ship's arrest, as when he left Chinwangtao there was no news of war and Russian steamers loading coal there had Japanese firemen on board. He (the Captain) wished to communicate with his consul or with his owners by telegraph. This, he was told, might be allowed, as permission was given to respectable Europeans to go ashore; the cost of supplies to the ship would also be allowed by the Russians. One reason alleged why the ship should not be allowed to leave Dalny by the way it came was that the Japanese would then learn the passage, but Captain Macfarlane pointed out that had the ship been ordered away from Port Arthur at once and not detained at Dalny, it would have been impossible for the Japanese or anyone else to have seen anything. It was, therefore, due to the mistake at Port Arthur and to the failure of the authorities there to make any enquiries that the *Hsiping* was detained and those on board allowed to see and hear what they had.

The Austrian Consul at Hongkong (Mr. Post) was a passenger on the *Hsiping* and was present during this interview. He also sent in a protest by the same messenger as Captain Macfarlane, who is very warm in his gratitude to Mr. Post for his assistance and support throughout and his services as an interpreter. Mr. Soper said several times during the interview that the detention of the *Hsiping* was due to a mistake.

The *Hsiping* was allowed to leave on Tuesday and came direct to Shanghai, where she arrived on the 18th inst. She is not seriously damaged, but it is not quite certain that she was not actually touched by a fragment of one of the shells thrown at her. The German steamer *Pronto* was said to have suffered more severely from the firing. It appears that the torpedo transport *Yenisei* lost 98 men, 192 being saved.

JAPANESE OFFICIAL NEWS.

The Japanese Consul kindly informed us on the 23rd inst. that he had on the previous evening received the following official telegram:-

Tokyo, 22nd Feb., 4.02 p.m.

"The crew and passengers of the steamer *Nagoura Maru* (with the exception of two who were drowned) which was sunk by four Russian cruisers off the coast at Tsugaru, were picked up by the Russians and conducted to Vladivostok. The Russian authorities in that port have sent them back to Nagasaki on a German steamer. They arrived at that port on the 22nd inst."

This is practically identical with our message published yesterday morning.

FROM NORTHERN SOURCES.

The following items are taken from various northern sources:-

Great Britain is about to appoint, following the example of the United States, Consuls for Mukden and Antung.

When the Russians withdrew their troops from Shanhaikwan, the French did not occupy the place itself in their stead, but only took over the Post Office.

The Japanese Government and people were indignant at the Russians bombarding a harmless commercial steamer (the *Nakonoura Maru*) off Hokkaido.

The Kaiser has signed an order whereby all free beds in the German Naval Hospital in Yokohama and the Taingtao Hospital are put at the disposal of the wounded, both of Russia and Japan.

With the consent of Japan, the German officers, Major Foerster and Captain Hoffmann, have left for the East to follow the Japanese army.

A naval defence line has been created in Tokyo Bay. Incoming ships have to stop, before passing this line, at the Chiogaki-Kokubo Peninsula; they have to signal for a pilot and then to wait for instructions to be given by a Japanese ship flying a flag, which is white above and red below. A naval defence district has also been created in the entrance to Nagasaki. Incoming ships have to stop one mile north of the Yoshima light and to wait for orders from the guardship, which is flying during the day the national flag on the top of the mast, and showing during the night two white lights, one by the side of the other.

THE CHEMULPO FIGHT.

The *Ostasiatische Lloyd* publishes the following despatch dated Chemulpo, 13th February (by wire from Chefoo, 14th February):-On the evening of the 8th, the Japanese fleet arrived here with three transports, which landed about 2,000 men. The disembarkment was done very rapidly and orderly. The next morning Admiral Uriu ordered the Russian cruisers *Varyag* and *Koreetz* to leave the harbour, otherwise he would attack them in the harbour. At 4 o'clock the next afternoon the commanders of the British cruiser *Talbot*, the French cruiser *Pascal*, and the Italian cruiser *Elba* handed Admiral Uriu a protest against his action, as contrary to international law. The commander of the American gunboat *Vicksburg* declined to join in the protest. In the meantime the *Varyag* and *Koreetz* had left the harbour at noon. They were attacked at a distance of about six miles from Chemulpo by the battleships *Asahi* and *Mikasa*, the armoured cruiser *Asama*, and three other men-of-war. After an engagement of fifty minutes the Russians returned to the anchorage. The *Varyag* was badly damaged, one officer and forty men killed, and four officers and 64 men wounded; since then one officer and eight men of the latter have died. The *Koreetz* was but very slightly damaged, and there were no wounded. The Japanese losses are unknown: they were said to be none. During the same afternoon, while the band on the Italian cruiser *Elba* was playing the Russian anthem, the Russians blew up the *Koreetz* and sank the *Varyag*. Later in the evening the Russians burned the steamer *Sungari*, which was in harbour. The action of the Russians has been greatly admired by all here. All wounded and the crews were taken on board of the *Talbot*, *Pascal*, and *Elba*. On the 10th Admiral Uriu demanded that they be given up to him. This was refused decidedly by all three commanders.

THE RUSSIAN REFUGEES.

H.M.S. *Amphitrite* has arrived from the North, bringing down the Russians who took

refuge on H.M.S. *Talbot* at Chemulpo. The six most seriously wounded have been sent to hospital here, and the rest are to proceed to Colombo on the s.s. *Namsang*.

CONTRABAND OF WAR.

An Order of the Japanese Navy Department has been issued specifying what shall be regarded as contraband of war during the present hostilities. The Order is as follows:—

1.—The following articles shall be treated as contraband of war when intended to pass through the country of the enemy or destined therefor, or when destined for the Army or Navy of the enemy:—

Arms, ammunition, explosives, and other materials (inclusive of lead, saltpetre, and sulphur), machines for their manufacture, cement, uniforms of the Army and Navy, war equipment, armour plates, materials for building warships and other vessels, and equipping vessels, and any other articles which are used for war purposes.

2.—The following articles shall be treated, as contraband of war only in case they are destined for the enemy's Army or Navy, or being consigned to the country of the enemy can be considered as intended for the use of the enemy's Army or Navy:—

Provisions, liquors, horses, horse-equipments, timber, currency, gold and silver bullion, fodder, waggons (*sharyo*) coal, and the material for the construction of telegraph and telephone lines and railways.

3.—Of the articles referred to in the preceding two clauses, those which can be judged from their quantity and nature to be for the service of the ship carrying them, shall not necessarily be treated as contraband of war.

GARRISON CHANGES AT HONGKONG.

According to the proposed changes in the next trooping season the Sherwood Foresters, officially known as the 1st Battalion Notts and Derbyshire Regiment, will be transferred from Hongkong to Singapore, to be replaced here by the 2nd Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment, at present in Ceylon. Colonel Western, C.B., officer commanding the 2nd battalion Royal West Kent Regiment, informed a *Times of Ceylon* representative that in all probability the battalion will be transferred to Hongkong next autumn, in the ordinary course of things.

It is also proposed to transfer the 87th and 88th Companies of Royal Garrison Artillery from Ceylon to Hongkong, and the 78th and 80th Companies from Hongkong to Singapore.

THE DALLAS CO. AT THE THEATRE.

"A CHINESE HONEYMOON."

Mr. Henry Dallas's Musical Comedy Company opened a short season at the Theatre Royal on the 22nd inst, when for the first time in Hongkong the two-act musical comedy *A Chinese Honeymoon* was produced. This play has had a wonderful success in London, the provinces, and elsewhere, where it has been seen, including Singapore little over a week ago, when the Dallas Co. introduced it to the local audience. It is easy to understand after witnessing last night's performance why such success should have been obtained, for the book is light and amusing and the music tuneful and gay.

Mr. Percival Knight is distinctly the "star" of the piece, and the impression he created in Hongkong on his previous visit here is well sustained in the new play. His Mr. Pineapple is a very quaint and amusing production indeed, and a study of his face alone is enough to provoke mirth. The greatest hit he makes is in the song about his dream, in Act II. This is really excellent comic singing. We shall look forward to Mr. Knight in the rest of his present repertory. The lady who has to balance his humour in the present play is Miss Alice Wade, who is a capital freak actress on the Lonie Fr-car lines. Her best song was "I want to be a lady," but she had several others which took the audience's fancy. In Messrs. Albert Rees, Duncan Munro, and Ritter Riley an excellent trio were found for the parts of the Emperor, his Lord Chancellor, and Lord High Admiral. Mr. Riley's dancing is as clever as

ever. Mr. Cochrane sang very well in the part of Tom Hatherton. Miss Ernestine Waller's Soo Soo was a charming effort, and her duets with Mr. Cochrane never failed to please. Miss Bertha Hunter's Mrs. Pineapple was appropriately played, and a good foil to Mr. Knight. Miss Grace Desmond made a truly terrible "official mother-in-law," as she was called upon to do. The other ladies, led by Miss Frampton, were an effective chorus, and Miss Carrie Roberts's "dance fantastique" was warmly applauded. The scenery was appropriate to the mock-China of the play, and the stage management was secure in the hands of Mr. Vallance, well known on former visits of the Dallas Co.

"THREE LITTLE MAIDS."

A change of program took place on the 24th inst. at the Theatre Royal, when the Dallas Musical Comedy Company staged Paul Reubens's *Three Little Maids*, which scored a success equal to that of their previous performances.

The plot—if so thin a story can be called a plot—turned upon the adventures of the three daughters of the Vicar of Market Mallory. The first scene is the opening of the Golf Links, and the arrival in the quiet village of three society belles and three men from town. The Vicar's daughters immediately attract the attention of the men, to the chagrin of the belles. The next scene is in a tea-shop, and the third in the London drawing-room of Lady Mallory, where the three little maids are discovered by their admirers, and an attempt by the Society belles to recapture their old admirers' allegiance once more ends in their discomfiture, and the fun goes on to a finish with the usual finale. Miss Walters, Miss Violet Frampton, and Miss Alice Wade made charming "Little Maids," being dainty and piquant with just that *souperon* of mischievous frivolity only to be met with in the cleric's daughters in fiction and on the stage, Miss Wade making something of a hit with her song "My Sal," and also appearing to somewhat better advantage than in the character of Fi-fi, while Miss Frampton scored well with a song "The Maid who dwelt by the mill," Miss Grace Desmond making a perfect mistress. Mr. Percival Knight, of course, was capital in his personation of "Lord Cheyne," and his weakness for telling all and sundry of the "fearful life he has led" was irresistible, his topical allusions being very apt. As M. de l'Orme, Mr. Cochrane did some good work, scoring well in his songs. Mr. Albert Rees was also in good form. Miss Bertha Hunter's "Lady Mallory" was a very fine piece of acting, while the three Society belles, Miss Eva Carlotta, Miss Amy Bailey, and Miss Eva Bonheur, were more than good in their parts, their costumes being most tasteful. Mr. Duncan Munro made a very good and orthodox-looking old vicar, and acted well up to the part. Other parts were taken by Miss Carrie Roberts, Miss Phyllis Underwood, and Mr. Ritter Riley, a somewhat boisterous "Cupid."

In the third act, as we previously announced, Miss Garbette played some selections on the violin, her rendering of which showed consummate taste and cultivation, her accompaniments being played by Mr. Percival Knight. This young artist displayed a wonderful command over her instrument. It must be said again that the company has scored another and very decided success.

VICTORIA HOME AND ORPHANAGE.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

The prize distribution of the Victoria Home and Orphanage, Kowloon, took place on the 22nd inst. afternoon. Mrs. F. H. May presented the prizes, and there were present:—Captain Hurly, A.D.C. to H. E. the Officer Administering the Government, Messdames Webb, Atkinson, Robinson, Sharp, Pearce, Bridie, Brown, and Hipwell, the Messrs. Johnstone, Sibree, Baker, and Pitts, Mr. Hipwell, the Staff of the Orphanage, and others. The School was tastefully decorated with flags and flowers, and presented a pleasing appearance. The proceedings opened with a hymn and the National Anthem.

The Rev. G. A. Bunbury then read the report of the work of the school by Miss Hamper, which showed that, although during the first months of the year there had been several flagrant cases of disobedience, which had resulted in the removal of girls from the Home, the conduct of the school had considerably improved during the last six months. Nor had the girls who had left the Home been lost sight of, since suitable homes had been provided for them. The report mentioned cases of girls who had been rescued from lives of misery in the homes of cruel step-mothers or mistresses. The year closed with fifty-two girls in the school, eleven of whom had been received from the Po Leung Kuk during the year. The report concluded with an expression of thanks for contributions from the Ministering Children's League, Mr. Gomes (damages in a law suit). The Hongkong Church Missionary Association, and many other friends in Hongkong, England, and Australia.

After reading the report, Mr. Bunbury mentioned that out of 33 children who presented themselves at the annual Government Examination, 30 passed—a good percentage. He also expressed Miss Hamper's thanks to Mrs. May for attending.

The distribution of prizes was then proceeded with, after which Mrs. May said that it gave her great pleasure to distribute the prizes. The report showed the usefulness of the work, which should command more support from the public than it apparently received. Those entrusted with the management had a difficult task to provide for the maintenance, instruction, and ultimate disposal of their pupils, and it was the duty of the girls to make their task as easy as they could. Mrs. May hoped they would remember that and show by their conduct that they were grateful for the care that was being taken of them by the ladies. She hoped, also, that the Ministering Children's League would be again able to help the school. The girls who received prizes, no doubt, worked hard for them, and she hoped they would enjoy them. The girls who had not received prizes Mrs. May advised not to cease their efforts, for no real work was without its reward.

The remarks by Mrs. May were translated into Chinese for the benefit of the girls. Musical drill and songs terminated the proceedings. Just before leaving, Mrs. May was presented with a bouquet by two of the smallest girls in attendance.

CANTON.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

A GREAT FIRE.

On the morning of the 24th inst. at 4.15, a big fire occurred at Ha Chan Tong, which is about ten minutes' walk from Shamshen, where several restaurants and other places of resort are situated. When the fire broke out a great number of singing-girls and neighbouring residents fled, and took refuge on the boats moored in the Shamshen Canal. The fire was the work of incendiaries, as an order has been passed lately by the Viceroy of Wong Sha, requiring that all the flower-boats at Kup-fap should move to Nam Kwan, a considerable distance away, thus taking away the business of singing girls in that district. Availing themselves of this opportunity some vagabonds raided the district, while many girls were forcibly carried away to be sold or held for ransom. Over one hundred houses in all were burned down, the conflagration being only finally got under at about half-past ten that morning.

It is stated, says the *Singapore Free Press*, that acting on telegraphic instructions from the military authorities at Colombo, the military here made enquiries regarding deserters on the arrival of the U.S.A.T. *Kilpatrick* with the result that officers visited the American Consul here, Mr. Williams, and requested his assistance in the matter. It appears that six English soldiers were found on board who had deserted and they were accordingly handed over to the military authorities. Presumably they will be sent back to Colombo for court martial. It is supposed that the men were induced by the prospect of better pay to desert and try and reach Manila by the transport.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The ordinary yearly meeting of the above Company was held on the 22nd inst. in the Company's offices, Queen's Buildings. Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G. (chairman), presided, and there were also present Mr. N. A. Siebs, Hon. C. W. Dickson, Messrs. E. Goetz, A. Haupt, J. H. Lewis, E. S. Whealler, D. E. Brown, J. S. Van Buren, and E. W. Tilden (Directors), W. B. Dixon, T. I. Rose (Secretary), A. V. Apcar, G. M. Bain, P. Brewitt, Hart Buck, H. F. Carmichael, Chow Hing Ki, Chan Siu Ki, W. E. Clarke, H. M. S. H. Esmail, E. Georg, David Haskel, E. A. Hewett, Ho Fook, Ho Kom Tong, Ho Tung, H. Humphreys, W. C. Jack, E. S. Joseph, J. J. Leiria, Lo Cheung Shiu, Donald Macdonald, A. W. Marshall, J. R. Michael, S. J. Michael, R. Mitchell, E. J. Moses, W. Parlance, T. H. Reid, A. Rodger, H. Schubart, T. Skinner, E. A. Snewin, and Wong Tso.

The SECRETARY having read the notice calling the meeting,

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen,—The report and statement of accounts having been in your hands for some time, I propose, with your sanction, to follow the usual course and take them as read. At the last half-yearly meeting I was in a position to congratulate you on the result of the working, which compared favourably with those of the two previous half-years. It is with great pleasure, gentlemen, I find myself able to announce a continuance of this prosperity, and to lay before you figures which show a still further and substantial advance. The net profit for the six months ended 31st December, 1903, amounted to \$514,396.34, to which has to be added the sum of \$314,293.70 brought forward from last account, and after deducting directors' and auditors' fees, there remains for appropriation \$817,940.04, as compared with \$662,395.13 in the previous half-year. Subject to your concurrence, the Board propose to deal with the balance as follows: To pay a dividend for the half-year of 12 per cent. and a bonus of 2 per cent. to shareholders, absorbing \$350,000, to write \$42,599.35 from the value of Hung-hom Docks, and to carry forward to new account the balance of \$425,340.69. I trust, gentlemen, these recommendations will meet with your approval. Considering the state of trade generally, I think this result may fairly be regarded as satisfactory. The tonnage of merchant vessels actually docked during the half-year shows a decline of some 10 per cent. compared with the previous six months, as will be noted from the following figures:—412,658 tons against 462,648 tons. The tonnage of British warships docked was 44,179 tons against 40,042 tons, and foreign warships, 19,111 tons against 40,499 tons. The decline in the number of foreign men-of-war docked was no doubt due in great measure to the unsettled relations existing between Russia and Japan. As a set-off against the reduced docking tonnage figures, the occupation of No. 1 Dock by H.M.S. *Amphitrite* for 39 days and that of the No. 2 Dock by the steamer *Pembroke* for eight weeks, may be noted. The difficulties experienced in fulfilling our docking arrangements for the larger ships alluded to at previous meetings still continue, as evidence of which fact I may mention that during the docking of the *Amphitrite*, three large vessels had to be refused, viz., the merchant steamers *Siberia* and *Tremont* and the French cruiser *Chateaufort*, thus emphasising the urgent need of further Dock accommodation. Whilst on this subject, I should remark that the question of lengthening the No. 1 Dock to which I referred on the last occasion we met, has been found unnecessary owing to the fact, since discovered, that the propeller shafts of the *Siberia* and *Korea* can be drawn in-board, and those vessels consequently be accommodated. Considerable improvements and additions to our plant and machinery have been carried out during the interval including the bedding in concrete and gearing up of the machines and providing flooring for the vast area of the fitting shop, together with similar work to the new brassfitters' shop and the adjoining engine works and tool stores.

Extensions to the foundry and joiners' shop have been found necessary in order to cope with the increasing work in those departments. Additions to the working plant in the shipyard have also been made to allow for the increased size of plating both for new work and for repairs, and further additions in this branch are in contemplation. The plate-bending rolls now being erected are electrically driven and will be capable of dealing with the largest plates now in use. With reference to the electric power extension at Kowloon, referred to at the last meeting, the old engine-house has been re-roofed, and extensive flues laid to connect the boilers to the existing chimney. The condensing plant has been fixed, and capacious piping for same is being laid. The machine motors and columns for electric lighting throughout the Yard have been received and the engines and dynamos have been shipped and are due at an early date. Other extensive and unexpected electrical work, chiefly to H. M. S. *Glory*, has interfered with the progress of the electrical work at Kowloon, but as the rest of that vessel—which has been carried out with despatch and will be completed within the date given—is now nearly finished, our electric installation will proceed rapidly. Turning to another branch of our business, that of shipbuilding, I stated at the last meeting that we had secured an order for the construction of a steamboat for the West River trade, and this was, as you are all aware, successfully launched the other day, and will be completed in advance of her due date. We have also entered into a contract to build a boat for the Yangtze trade, and more recently we have received an order from the Government of the Philippines for a survey steamer for the Geodetic Department, the latter deliverable in eight and a half months. Our manager at the Kowloon Docks, Mr. Wilson, has been granted 9 months' leave from March next, and Mr. R. Mitchell has been selected to act in his place. Mr. Mitchell will also, on taking over Mr. Wilson's duties, remove the drawing office to Kowloon, as it has been considered advisable to make a trial of this change. Prospects for the current half-year are, I am glad to say, of a satisfactory character. Before proposing the adoption of the Report and Accounts, I shall be pleased to answer any questions or give any further information within my power. (Applause).

There being no questions,

The CHAIRMAN formally made the motion.

Mr. HENRY HUMPHREYS—Mr. Chairman and gentlemen,—I have seconded the adoption of the report and statement of accounts of this Company so often that I am beginning to regard myself as one of the permanent institutions of the Dock Company. (Laughter.) My father did it before me, so I suppose it runs in the family. There are times, gentlemen, when dividends are scarce and bonuses are conspicuous by their absence, that the seconding of the address of the chairman is a proceeding of no little personal risk, but I think there is no fear on this occasion. We have had a good half-year and next half-year will probably be better still. I congratulate the Board of Directors on the improvement in the Company's affairs, and I think the thanks of the shareholders are due especially to Sir Paul Chater for the good work done on the sub-committee and for his consenting to act as chairman for another term. (Applause.) I was glad to hear from his remarks just now that the drawing office is to be shifted to Kowloon. I have no practical knowledge of the working of the Dock Company myself, but I have been informed by those who ought to know, and they tell me that this is the only dock company in the world where the drawing office is in one place and the works in another. It seems to me essential that the people responsible for making the designs should be on the spot to see that their designs are properly carried out. With these few remarks I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts.

The motion was agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. J. R. MICHAEL, seconded by Mr. HASKELL, the appointment of Messrs. Whealler, Haupt, and Tilden as directors was confirmed.

On the motion of Mr. HEWETT seconded by Mr. LEIRIA, Messrs. D. E. Brown and Haupt were re-elected directors.

On the motion of Mr. Ho Fook seconded by Mr. CARMICHAEL, Messrs. T. Arnold and H. U. Jeffries were re-elected auditors.

This was all the business.

Mr. HART BUCK—Mr. Chairman, before the meeting closes I think the shareholders would like to express their thanks to the general manager and the staff for the good work that they have done for the shareholders. (Applause).

Dividend warrants will be ready to-day (Tuesday).

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the thirty-fifth ordinary general meeting, to be held at the offices of the general managers, on Saturday, the 5th March, at noon.

The general managers and consulting committee have pleasure in submitting to the shareholders the thirty-fifth annual report of the Company.

1902 Account.—This account shows a profit of \$195,396.52, which sum, subject to the approval of the shareholders, it is proposed to deal with as follows, viz:—

Dividend of \$22.50 per share...	\$181,000.00
Addition to reserve fund...	15,396.52
	<u>\$195,396.52</u>

1903 Account.—The balance at credit of this account is \$371,116.48.

Mortgages.—From the reports and valuations made by the Company's surveyors, the general managers and consulting committee are satisfied that the properties held by the Company form ample security for the advances made.

Consulting Committee.—The present members, the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Messrs. F. Maitland, A. J. Raymond, and J. H. Lewis, retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. W. Hutton Potts and R. Chatterton Wilcox, and their re-election is recommended.

The accounts are as follows:—

BALANCE-SHEET.

31st DECEMBER, 1903.

LIABILITIES.		\$	c.
Dr.			
Capital subscribed	\$2,000,000.00		
Amount paid-up	400,000.00		
Reserve fund	1,154,891.96		
Uncollected dividends	5,601.55		
Accounts payable	44,721.01		
Working account, 1902:—			
Net profit	195,396.52		
Working account, 1903:—			
Amount brought forward from below...	371,116.48		
	<u>\$2,171,721.55</u>		
ASSETS.		\$	c.
Cr.			
Cash, on current account with Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation...	64,357.60		
Cash in hands of general managers	489.96		
Fixed deposits:—			
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	50,000.00		
Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China	50,000.00		
Mercantile Bank of India, Limited	25,000.00		
	<u>125,000.00</u>		
Mortgages:—			
In Hongkong	\$1,180,820.37		
In Shanghai	370,720.40		
In Yokohama	25,725.39		
	<u>1,577,266.16</u>		
Japanese Government deposit:—			
Consolidation bonds	\$29,104.00		
Imperial bonds	66,510.38		
War bonds	26,865.23		
	<u>122,479.59</u>		
Investments:—			
Chinese Imperial Government loan, 1886	\$29,749.33		
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, debentures	60,000.00		
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Ltd., debentures	27,686.20		
Shanghai Club debentures	13,333.33		
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited, debentures	50,000.00		
5 shares in the China Fire Insurance Company, Limited	375.00		
	<u>180,043.86</u>		
Steam fire engines	500.00		
Accounts receivable	101,535.39		
	<u>\$2,171,721.55</u>		

WORKING ACCOUNT, 1902.

	\$	c.
To losses and claims paid.....	187,435.57	
To charges.....	42,074.49	
To remuneration to consulting committee and auditors.....	6,000.00	
To commissions.....	44,886.05	
To exchange.....	9,779.53	
To fire brigade expenses.....	214.00	
To balance as above.....	195,396.52	
	\$485,719.16	

	\$	c.
By net premia received, less returns and re-insurances.....	353,928.48	
By interest.....	132,689.68	
By transfer fees.....	91.00	
	\$485,719.16	

WORKING ACCOUNT, 1903.

	\$	c.
To losses and claims paid.....	62,347.12	
To charges.....	35,150.24	
To commissions.....	42,380.91	
To exchange.....	4,528.36	
To balance as above.....	371,110.48	
	\$515,517.11	

	\$	c.
By net premia received less returns and re-insurances.....	380,385.19	
By interest.....	135,067.92	
By transfer fees.....	64.00	
	\$515,517.11	

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB
RACE MEETING.

FIRST DAY, 23RD FEBRUARY.

Stewards.—His Excellency F. H. May C.M.G. (the Officer Administering the Government); His Excellency Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge, K.C.B.; His Excellency Maj.-Genl. Villiers Hatton, C.B.; Rear-Admiral Robinson, R.N., C.B.; Hon. Sir Paul Chater, Kt., C.M.G.; Hart Buck, Esq.; Hon. C. W. Dickson; H. E. R. Hunter, Esq.; J. H. Lewis, Esq.; G. C. C. Master, Esq.; Major S. G. Radcliff; E. W. Rutter, Esq.; and H. P. White, Esq.

Clerks of the Scale.—Hon. C. W. Dickson and E. W. Rutter, Esq.

Judge.—Hon. Sir Paul Chater, Kt., C. M. G.

Assistant Judge.—H. E. R. Hunter, Esq.

Starter.—H. P. White, Esq.

2nd Starter.—C. H. Ross, Esq.

Handicapper.—Capt. F. W. Lyons.

Timekeeper.—J. R. Michael, Esq.

Hon. Treasurer.—R. T. Wright, Esq.

Clerk of the Course.—T. F. Hough, Esq.

Excellent weather favoured the opening of the Hongkong Jockey Club Race Meeting on Tuesday. The Happy Valley looked its best under brilliant sunshine which brought out the beauties of the surrounding verdant hills and flashed back from the innumerable banners and bunting that decked the pavilions on the Racecourse. Long before the commencement of the day's sport the roads leading to Happy Valley bore streams of people eastwards. Europeans made their way to the course in all sorts of conveyances—ricksha, chairs, gigs, and bicycles; while thousands of Chinese travelled on foot, beguiling the journey by occasional sojournings at the roadside stalls loaded with delicacies such as delight the Celestial heart. The Racecourse itself looked well. Since last Meeting the Jockey Club have carried out extensive improvements that met with complimentary comment on all hands. Most noticeable of these is the handsome new building just inside the gates, erected for the accommodation of the Pari-mutuel and the provision of additional stands. It was pleasant to notice, too, the absence of an old acquaintance, the unsightly nullah that formerly carried its turgid stream in front of the Grand Stand. Now this eyesore has been covered over, thus enhancing the appearance of the place and adding considerably to the area available for the promenade, besides allowing of an improvement in the Judges' Box and Press Enclosure. Above the Grand Stand was displayed the Red Ensign flanked by the Jockey Club flag.

Arrangements for laying money in the new building were very good. Entering, place-betting conveniences were to the left, winners to the right, a small booking-office being assigned to each starter. After backing whatever horse one fancied, an exit was found by means of the numerous side doors, there being but

little confusion amongst the steady stream of sportsmen. The Pari-mutuel was run by Mr. I. P. Madar, of the King Edward Hotel. Upstairs, at the end nearest the Grand Stand, was private accommodation for His Excellency Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G., the Officer Administering the Government. The Union Jack floated above this compartment, while a profusion of bunting decorated the interior. At the other end of the building was a private stand for His Excellency Major-General Villiers Hatton, C.B., and officers of the Royal Artillery. Here, also, there was a gay display, greenery figuring largely. Between the two mentioned stands were others; these for stewards and members of the Hongkong Jockey Club. Altogether six flags surmounted the building.

Above the stables in the long red building to the south of the Grand Stand apartments were laid out as follows:—Hongkong Jockey Club (Hongkong Club down stairs), Mr. H. N. Mody, the Hon. C. W. Dickson, Mr. J. R. M. Smith, the officers of the Sherwood Foresters, Messrs. E. S. Wheeler and E. W. Rutter, Mr. T. F. Hough, Messrs. A. Babington, J. H. Lewis, and H. P. White; the German Club, the Waifong, Messrs. Hart Buck, and Henry Humphreys, Mr. G. C. C. Master, Mr. W. B. Dixon, and the officers of the Royal Navy. To describe the decorations individually of all these would take up too much space; they were all gay, there being no stint of bunting, greenery, and flowers. The numerous matcheds included dining rooms run by the Hongkong Hotel, the King Edward Hotel, and the Connaught House Hotel.

The first race, the Wong-nei-chong Stakes, brought out a field of 19 starters. A ding-dong race resulted in a win for Chautauqua, a horse owned by two of the American Chinese Development Co., who are connected with the new Fatsah Railway. Mr. Johnstone brought in Ca Canny second. The Maiden Stakes was won rather easily by Discovery, second place falling to Mr. Buxey's stable. In the Valley Stakes there were twenty starters, and the surprise of the day was the victory of Panjandrum, with the owner, Mr. Dowding, up. Disclosure was a good second. In connection with this race it may be mentioned that the winner had only one backer in the Pari-mutuel. It is said he backed it in mistake for another horse; he lifted the magnificent sum of over \$1,200. In the Victoria Stakes The Pals' Huron, with Mr. Master up, got the best of a close finish, with Algerine second. For the Foochow Cup a field of seven walers entered. It was generally expected that the race would lie between Mr. Master's Remnant and Mr. Johnstone's Runaway Girl, who are old competitors. So it turned out; they were the only two in the race. Remnant won by a length. The great event of the day, the Derby, brought out a field of five. Only one competitor came from Mr. Buxey's stable, Coronet Rose, who started favourite, with Aladdin and Chieftain well fancied for second. The race was never in doubt, Coronet Rose winning by a good six lengths. Chieftain won the second place from Aladdin by about a neck. The winner was led in by the owner amid the applause and congratulations of the assembly. The Hongkong Club Cup was contested by eight horses. Mr. Burkill brought in Polka just in front of Vancouver, with Rare Rose third. The Chinese Club Cup was won by Mr. A. V. Apcar's Manila with half a length to spare from Eclipse; Starling third. In the Lusitano Cup race an accident occurred, which happily was unattended by any very serious consequences. After passing the post for the first time Videlicet swerved across the course, taking La France Rose also athwart the track, and both horses dashed through the outside boundary hedge, dismounting their riders. The race was won by Liberty Rose, with Rex second. In the Encouragement Stakes a good race was witnessed, Maréchal Niel Rose, a dark horse, coming in first, Ca Canny second very close up.

The only thing that marred the day was clouds of dust risen by a rather unpleasant breeze. Had the place been watered things would have been more comfortable.

The band of the Sherwood Foresters, under the direction of Bandmaster E. J. Bradley, played a few bars of the National Anthem as

H.E. Mr. May and suite entered the grounds and afterwards gave the following selections:—Two Step "Hiawatha" Voret Overture "The Merry Wives of Windsor" Nicolai Selection "La Cigale" Audran Valse "Casino Tanze" Gungo Selection "The Duchess of Dantzic" Caryll Sketch "By the Swanee River" Middleton Selection "A Country Girl" Monckton Morceau "The Mosquitos Parade" Whitney Selection "Patience" Sullivan Valse "Amoureux" Berger Gavotte "Immer Wieder" Vandervell Intermezzo "L'in du Pal" Gillet Selection "San Toy" Jones Valse "Frou Frou" Chatan

The following are the results:—

The WONG-NEI-CHONG STAKES; value \$300; second to receive \$100; and third \$50; for China ponies, subscription griffins of this season 1903-1904; weight for inches as per scale; entrance \$10. Half a mile.

The Pals' Chautauqua, 11st 4lbs	(Mr. Cumming)	1
Mr. John Peel's Ca Canny, 10st 12lbs	(Mr. Johnstone)	2
Mr. Buxey's Pink Rose, 10st 12lbs	(Mr. Schnorr)	3
Mr. Lola's Emigrant, 10st 9lbs	(Mr. Bell)	0
Mr. D. Macdonald's The Provost, 11st 9lbs	(Mr. Clarke)	0
Mr. Hart Buck's Herchell II, 10st 9lbs	(Mr. Mackie)	0
Mr. Lola's Colonist, 11st 4lbs	(Mr. Gillingham)	0
Mr. J. H. Lewis's Alarm, 10st 9lbs	(Mr. Alderton)	0
Mr. J. H. Lewis's MongOOSE, 10st 12lb*	(Mr. Oswald)	0
Mr. Ellis Kadoorie's Teetotum, 10st 11lb†	(Mr. Crighton)	0
Messrs. Veitch & Hunter's Zagloba, 10st 12lbs	(Mr. Burhill)	0
Mr. G. Master's Mince Pie, 10st 12lbs	(Owner)	0
Mr. Darius's Talbot, 11st 11lbs	(Mr. Moller)	0
Mr. E. A. Bonner's Clifton, 11st 4lbs	(Mr. Rutherford)	0
Mr. Medico's Culex, 10st 12lbs	(Mr. Millward)	0
Mr. G. B. Macdonald's Go Bang, 10st 12lbs	(Mr. Black)	0
Mr. E. S. Joseph's Bunder, 11st 11b	(Mr. Gedde)	0
Mr. John Peel's Havers, 10st 12lbs	(Mr. Knox)	0
Capt. Nugent & Mr. Dowding's Snark, 11st 11b	(Mr. Makins)	0

* 3lbs overweight † 5lbs overweight.

After no less than three false starts Talbot jumped off in front, and maintained a lead from the field until entering the straight where, running wide, Chautauqua got an opening on the inside and challenged, followed by Ca Canny and Pink Rose. These four leading ponies came up the straight at a rattling pace and finished in a group, Chautauqua leading by half a length; Talbot a good fourth. Time, 59 3.5 secs.

Dividends in the Pari-mutuel were:—Winner \$47.40; 1st place \$8.40; 2nd place \$61.30; 3rd place \$232.

The MAIDEN STAKES; value \$500; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for China ponies, *boni-fide* griffins on date of entry; weight for inches as per scale; subscription griffins of this season 1903-1904 allowed 7lbs; entrance \$10. Once round.

Mr. F. B. Marshall's Discovery, 10st 9lbs	(Mr. Cumming)	1
*Mr. Buxey's La France Rose, 10st 9lb	(Mr. Cox)	2
†Mr. John Peel's Royal, 10st 13lbs	(Mr. Burkill)	3
Mr. Godfrey Master's Dormouse, 10st 12lbs	(Mr. Master)	0
Mr. J. H. Lewis's Regret, 11st 4lbs	(Mr. Alderton)	0

*6lbs overweight. †4lbs overweight.

A good start. Royal taking the lead in an inside position with La France Rose drawing up, closely followed by Regret. Towards the Football Pavilion La France Rose was pressing for a lead; Dormouse was last. Approaching the Black Rock La France Rose had the lead by a length, with Royal riding third, Dormouse fourth. Rounding the bend La France Rose was challenged by Discovery, Royal also making a good bid. Regret

challenged the winner opposite the Wong-nei-chong village. At the finish Discovery had a lead over La France Rose by four lengths; a length and a half divided the latter and Royal. Time, 1 min. 54 2/5 secs.

The Pari paid \$36.10 for the win; \$6.90 for 1st place; and \$6 for the 2nd place.

The VALLEY STAKES; a sweepstakes of \$10 each with \$300 added; winner to receive 70 per cent.; second 20 per cent.; and third 10 per cent.; for China ponies, subscription griffins of this season 1903-1904; weight for inches as per scale; three-quarters of a mile.

Mr. Dowding's Panjandrum, 11st 11b (Owner) 1

Mr. F. B. Marshall's Disclosure, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Cummings) 2

Mr. C. H. Ross's Ben Roy, 11st 11b (Mr. Johnstone) 3

Mr. Rolason's Reed Toorie, 10st 12lb (Mr. Bell) 0

Mr. Paul's Fiscal, 11st 11b (Mr. Moller) 0

Mr. J. H. Lewis's Sentry, 11st 11b (Mr. Oswald) 0

Mr. Tremearne's Fun, 11st 11b (Mr. Mackie) 0

Major Radcliff's Arranapogue, 10st 12lbs (Owner) 0

Mr. J. S. Harston's Videlicet, 11st 11b (Mr. MacIntyre) 0

Mr. E. W. Mitchell's Lord Algy, 11st 11b (Mr. Kutherford) 0

Mr. Canada's Tai Yat, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Alderton) 0

Mr. Wayfoong's Persistence, 11st 11b (Mr. Black) 0

Mr. Wheelrut's Fair Trade, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Schnorr) 0

Mr. Meifoo's Standard, 11st 11b (Mr. Master) 0

Mr. Buxey's Sylph Rose, 11st (Mr. Cox) 0

Mr. A. Babington's Rocket, 11st 11b (Mr. Burkill) 0

Mr. Hammonia's Waisenknabe, 11st 4lbs (Mr. Gedge) 0

Mr. D. Macdonald's The Elder, 11st 11b (Mr. Clarke) 0

Mr. W. Domnich's Growler, 11st 11b (Mr. Gillingham) 0

Mr. Darius's Eclipse, 11st 11b (Mr. Crighton) 0

After a couple of false starts the field got away to a good start. Approaching the Black Rock Ben Roy pressed to the front and looked likely coming round the bend at the Village, but here she was challenged by Panjandrum and Disclosure. In a grand run up the straight Mr. Dowding sent his mount to the front, closely followed by Disclosure, and ousting Ben Roy from first place won by a length. Ben Roy a good third, half a length behind Disclosure.

Time, 1 min. 33 1/5 secs.

Pari-mutuel dividends—Winners, \$1264; 1st place, \$94.50; 2nd, \$37.50; 3rd, \$34.50.

The VICTORIA STAKES; a sweepstakes of \$10 each with \$350 added; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; bona fide griffins on date of entry allowed 5lbs; subscription griffins of this season 1903-1904 allowed 10lbs; previous winners at this meeting 5lbs extra; one mile.

The Pals' Huron, 11st 11b (Mr. Master) 1

Mr. Wingard's Algerine, 11st 11b (Mr. Moller) 2

Mr. John Peel's Set, 11st 7lbs (Mr. Burkill) 3

*Mr. Buxey's Northern Rose, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Cox) 0

Mr. F. B. Marshall's Daybreak, 11st 4lbs (Mr. Oswald) 0

Mr. G. H. Potts's Pandur, 11st 11bs (Mr. Cumming) 0

Mr. Clough's The Crow, 11st 11b (Mr. Johnstone) 0

*3 lbs. overweight.

Algerine got the lead, and passing the Judges' stand, the order lined out as follows:—Algerine, The Crow, Set, Daybreak, Huron, Pandur, and Northern Rose. Algerine continued to lead right past the Football Pavilion, with Northern Rose second, and The Crow third. At the Black Rock, Algerine was challenged by Huron and Daybreak; at the Village Huron, Daybreak and Set were in a bunch. A good finish showed a win by about a length for Huron; Algerine second, half-a-length to the better of Set.

Time 2 min. 7-1/5 secs.

The Pari paid \$58.10 on the winner; \$8.20 for 1st place; \$5.70 for 2nd place; \$7.70 for

third place.

The FLOCHOW CUP; value \$500; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for walers weight for inches as per scale; previous winners of 3 or more races 12 lbs. extra; of 2 races 7lbs extra; non-winners who have run at previous meetings allowed 5lbs; entrance \$10; three-quarters of a mile.

Mr. G. Master's Remnant, 11st 4lbs (Owner) 1

Mr. Johnstone's Runaway Girl, 11st 8lbs (Owner) 2

The Pals' Dandy, 11st 4lbs (Mr. Cumming) 3

Mr. Hart Buck's School Girl, 12st 6lbs (Mr. Clarke) 0

Mr. Hunter's Chi Sai, 11st 4lbs (Mr. Burkill) 0

Mr. John Peel's Golden Bell, 13st 10lbs (Mr. Crighton) 0

Mr. G. H. Potts's Brilliant, 13st 11b (Mr. Cox) 0

School Girl got the best of a rather poor start and kept in front past the Black Rock. Opposite Wongneicheong Mr. Master sent Remnant forward. Runaway Girl followed in close pursuit with Dandy running fourth. Coming round the bend into the straight, Remnant forced the pace and School Girl fell back. Runaway Girl challenged the leader, but failed to stay, and was beaten by a length and a half; half a length between second and third.

Time, 1 min. 23 1/5th secs.

The Pari paid \$13.17 for the winner; \$5.30 for first place; \$7.50 second place; \$5.70 third.

The HONGKONG DERBY; a sweepstakes of \$20 each with \$1,500 added; (half forfeit if declared on or before day of closing entries); for China ponies bona fide griffins on date of entry; first pony to receive 70 per cent., second 20 per cent., and third 10 per cent.; weight for inches as per scale. One mile and a half.

Mr. Buxey's Coronet Rose, 11st 11b (Mr. Cox) 1

Mr. Ellis Kadoorie's Chieftain, 10st 11lbs (Crighton) 2

Mr. J. H. Lewis's Aladdin, 11st 11b (Mr. Alderton) 3

Mr. Kanuk's Once More, 11st 4lbs (Mr. Burkill) 0

Mr. F. B. Marshall's Discovery, 10st 9lbs (Mr. Cumming) 0

At the start Aladdin was inside. Coronet Rose second, Once More third. The contestants were in a bunch passing the Black Rock, Coronet Rose taking the lead. Up the village Aladdin was riding second, Chieftain third. At this time they were going very easy. Passing the Judges' stand for the first time the order was Chieftain, Aladdin, Coronet Rose, Once More, and Discovery. Chieftain continued to lead, Coronet Rose taking the inside place, and forcing to the front as they approached the Football pavilion Chieftain continued to fall back, Coronet Rose taking the lead towards the Black Rock. At the Black Rock Coronet Rose had a lead of a length on the field. Chieftain maintained the second place, but lost considerable ground on the leader, who was some three lengths ahead at the Village. In the straight Aladdin made a bid for second place, but could not pass Chieftain. Coronet Rose won as he liked; three-quarters of a length separated second and third.

Time, 3 min. 16 1/5 secs.

The Pari paid \$10 for the win; \$7 for first place; \$12.10 for second.

The HONGKONG CLUB CUP; presented by the members of the Hongkong Club; second to receive \$150, and third \$50; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale griffins allowed 5 lbs; subscription griffins of this season 1903-1904 allowed 10 lbs; previous winners at this meeting 5 lbs. extra. One mile and a half.

Mr. John Peel's Polka, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Burkill) 1

Mr. Wingard's Vancouver, 11st 11b (Mr. Moller) 2

Mr. Buxey's Rare Rose, 10st 12lb (Mr. Cox) 3

Mr. John Peel's Rajah, 11st. 4lbs (Mr. Johnstone) 0

Mr. E. Goetz's Totila, 11st 7lbs (Mr. Gaunt) 0

Mr. G. H. Potts's Rebel King, 11st 11b (Mr. Cumming) 0

Mr. Fernando's Discord, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Alderton) 0

Mr. J. H. Lewis's Muscatel, 11st 11b (Mr. Oswald) 0

Polka went off well at the fall of the flag, followed by Vancouver and Discord. The pace was slow during the first part of the race. When the post was passed for the first time Rajah had pushed into the lead with Vancouver still riding second, Rebel King third, and the field all in a bunch. Rajah made the running pretty stiff in the last round and, challenged by Vancouver opposite Wongneicheong Village, fell back and his place was taken by Rare Rose, closely followed by Polka, who forced the pace coming into the straight, passed Vancouver, and finished a length and a half in front, with about a length separating Vancouver and Rare Rose, and Discord a good fourth.

Time, 3 min. 14 secs.

The Pari paid \$31.40 for the win; \$6.40 for 1st place; \$6 for 2nd place; \$7.30 for 3rd place.

The CHINESE CLUB CUP; presented; second to receive \$150, and third \$50. For China ponies subscription griffins of any season; weight for inches as per scale; winners at previous meetings barred; previous winners at this meeting 7 lb. extra; entrance \$10. From the two-mile post once round and in.

Mr. A. V. Apar's Manila, 11st 11b (Mr. Master) 1

Mr. Darius's Eclipse, 11st 11b (Mr. Crighton) 2

Mr. J. H. Lewis's Starling, 11st 4lbs (Mr. Alderton) 3

Mr. Dowding's Panjandrum, 11st 11b (Mr. Dowding) 0

Mr. D. Macdonald's The Baillie, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Clarke) 0

*Mr. Lola's Emigrant, 10st 11lbs (Mr. Bell) 0

*Mr. Christiani's Pech, 11st 6lbs (Owner) 0

Mr. Wheelrut's Fair Trade, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Schnorr) 0

Mr. Hart Buck's Good-bye, 11st 11b (Mr. Mackie) 0

Mr. Johnstone's Border Laird, 11st 4lbs (Mr. Johnstone) 0

Mr. Craig's and R.A.G.'s Combine, 11st 4lbs (Mr. Mollar) 0

Mr. Babington's Turbine, 11st 11b (Mr. Kutherford) 0

*2lbs overweight.

Twelve China ponies started off in a bunch. Passing the judges' stand for the first time Border Laird had the lead, with Manila second and Panjandrum third. Border Laird continued to lead right around to the Black Rock, when Emigrant and Manila challenged him. At the village Manila drew up to first place with Eclipse second, and Starling third. These positions were maintained to the finish, Manila winning by half a length. Two lengths between second and third.

Time, 2 min. 22 3/5 secs.

The Pari-mutuel paid as follows:—Winner, \$10; 1st place, \$5.70; 2nd, \$8.20; 3rd, \$16.70.

LUSITANO CUP; presented by the members of the Club Lusitano. For China ponies, bona fide griffins on date of entry; second to receive \$150, and third \$50; weight for inches as per scale; subscription griffins of this season 1903-1904 allowed 5 lbs.; previous winners 7 lbs. extra; entrance \$10. One mile.

Mr. Buxey's Liberty Rose, 11st 4lbs (Mr. Cox) 1

Mr. John Peel's Rex, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Burkill) 2

*Mr. Armand's Modesty, 10st 9lbs (Mr. Crighton) 3

Mr. Wingard's Quebec, 11st 11b (Mr. Moller) 0

Mr. J. S. Harston's Videlicet, 10st 10lbs (Mr. MacIntyre) 0

Mr. Buxey's La France Rose, 10st 9lbs (Mr. Cumming) 0

Mr. Wheelrut's Protection, 11st 11b (Mr. Schnorr) 0

*2lbs overweight

The field got away to a good start and came up the straight in a close body, with Videlicet, Rex, and La France Rose running abreast, Videlicet on the rail. Just when entering upon the bend past the winning post Videlicet swerved and ran across the course to the outside boundary hedge taking La France Rose with him. Both dashed through the hedge, and their riders, Mr. Cumming and Mr. McIntyre, were dismounted. Protection took up the lead, followed by Liberty Rose, who drew ahead opposite the F. C. Pavilion, while Modesty drew into second place.

Rex was sent in pursuit of Liberty Rose, but failed to come up rounding the bend. Coming along the home straight Rex beat Modesty for second place, but was unable to secure first honours, Liberty Rose winning by three-quarters of a length. An unfortunate race.

Time, 2 min. 10 2-5 secs.

The Pari paid \$35.60 for the win; \$13.90 for first place; \$11.40 for second place; \$11.90 for third.

The ENCOURAGEMENT STAKES; value \$300; second to receive \$100; and third \$50; for China ponies, subscription griffins of this season 1903-1904; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners barred; unplaced runners allowed 5lbs; entrance \$10. Five furlongs.

Mr. Buxey's Maréchal Niel Rose, 11st 11lb (Mr. Moller)	1
Mr. John Peel's Ca Canny, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Johnstone)	2
Mr. Canada's Tai Yat, 10st 7lbs (Mr. Master)	3
Mr. J. H. Lewis's Alarm, 10st 4lbs (Mr. Alderton)	0
* Mr. Buxey's Sylph Rose, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Cox)	0
H.E. Mr. F. H. May's Yellow Skin, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Gedde)	0
Mr. D. Macdonald's The Provost, 10st 13lbs (Mr. Clarke)	0
Capt. Nugent & Mr. Dowding's Snark, 10st 10lbs (Mr. Mackie)	0
Mr. Ellis Kadoorie's Teetotum, 10st 11lb (Mr. Mackie)	0
Mr. Headly's Powder-Puff, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Light)	0
† Mr. Medico's Culex, 10st 11lbs (Mr. Milward)	0
Mr. W. Domnich's Growler, 10st 10lbs (Mr. Gillingham)	0
Mr. Wayfoong's Persistence, 10st 10lbs (Mr. Burkill)	0
† Mr. J. H. Lewis's Mongoose, 10st 11lbs (Mr. Oswald)	0
Mr. Tremearne's Fun, 10st 10lbs (Mr. Crighton)	0
Mr. Buxey's Pink Rose, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Black)	0
Mr. E. H. Hind's Hazard, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Knox)	0
Mr. E. A. Bonner's Clifton, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Rutherford)	0
Mr. Rolason's Reed Toorie, 10st 9lbs (Mr. Gegg)	0
Mr. Lola's Colonist, 10st 13lbs (Mr. Bell)	0
* 5lbs overweight. † 4lbs overweight. ‡ 7lbs overweight.	

This race was run at a rattling pace. With 21 starters to compete against, Mr. Johnstone had difficulty in pulling Ca Canny through the throng. He contrived to do so, however, and getting on the rail coming into the straight he made the pace hot. Maréchal Niel Rose was sent in pursuit followed by Tai Yat, and after a fine run home Mr. Buxey's horse passed the post first leading by half a head; Tai Yat a good third.

Time, 1 min. 15 2-5 secs.

Pari-mutuel dividends:—Winners, \$163.80. 1st place, \$16.20; 2nd, \$10.50; 3rd, \$7.90.

SECOND DAY, 24TH FEBRUARY.

Glorious weather greeted the second day of the Hongkong Jockey Club's race meeting. A goodly gathering attended, more amount of money, perhaps, changing hands than on the previous day. The previous day's racing having shown up the comparative merits of the various horses, plunging, especially by the numerous Chinese spectators, was common. The more certainty of the favourites' success, however, prevented extraordinary dividends.

In the course of the afternoon the Racecourse became crowded with spectators. Among the throng were all the best known people in the Colony. It was pleasurable to notice that the promenade in front of the Grand Stand had been watered in the morning, thus putting an end to the clouds of distressing dust that had been so prevalent on the opening day. Again at tiffin-time the watering-buckets were put into use, and there was an entire absence of the annoyance that had made Tuesday's races so uncomfortable from the point of view of the promenaders. In the afternoon the band of H.M.S. *Albion*, under Bandmaster V. de Robertis, played an

excellent selection of music. The programme

was as follows:—
March..... "The Advance Guard" Hume
Overture ... "Light Cavalry" Suppé
Selection ... *Yeomen of the Guard*..... Sullivan
Valse "Sobre las Olas" Rosas
Selection ... *Ernani* Verdi
Marziale ... "Ritornata Italiana"..... Drescher
"God Save the King."

The Flyaway Stakes, the first race, brought out a field of six. Coronet Rose was generally favoured in consequence of his fine performance in the Derby on the previous day, and he justified his backers' support by winning easily from Royal. In the Exchange Plate race nine horses faced the starter. None of the "Rose" entrants showed up, and the race fell to Set, from the Ewo stables, with Algerine second and Rebel King third. In view of the Jockey Club's decision with regard to the relative merits of China-pony and waler racing, it was a notable fact that more interest was shown by the spectators in the waler race for the Professional Cup than in any of the native-pony events. There is no doubt that apart from the argument that the keeping and training of walers means an expense which the average member of the Jockey Club does not feel justified to take upon him, the waler races are vastly more appreciated by those whose only outlay amounts to the admission money at the gate. The Professional Cup race was productive of the best finish of the day. Six entered. Remnant (who had won the Foochow Cup on Tuesday) was penalised to the extent of 7lbs., but even with this extra weight to carry there were many who fancied that, with Mr. Master up, Remnant stood a good chance of defeating Runaway Girl, who had made such a good show for first honours. As it turned out, however, Remnant got the worst of the start, and was never able to come up to Runaway Girl, who held the lead from first to last. Dandy also made a good bid for first honours, but his challenge was staved off by Runaway Girl. In the German Cup race 15 numbers were put up. Manila was fancied for a win, but Fiscal secured premier honours with Standard second, while Ben Roy (Mr. Johnstone up), who made the running throughout, finished sixth. Only two horses came forward for the Garrison Cup—Coronet Rose and Royal. As their respective form had already been demonstrated in the Flyaway Stakes backers did not hesitate to bet on the former. Coronet Rose won an easy race by a length and a half. The Jockey Cup drew out a field of eleven, Ca Canny started a hot favourite. The result was never in doubt. Ca Canny led the field over the entire length and won easily, Culex taking second honours. Eight horses turned out for the Challenge Cup. A grand race for which Rajah set the pace resulted in his stable companion Polka getting home first with very little to spare from Rebel King and Pandur. Mr. Buxey's Marechal Niel Rose won the "Blake" Challenge Cup with the previous day's winner Chautauqua second. In the Navy Cup La France Rose beat Chieftain, who was more heavily backed. Rex secured third place. The biggest field of the day was the Racing Stakes, over a score of horses facing the starter. Disclosure was a popular win, Standard being second, and Arranapogue third. A good dividend was paid on the latter.

Results were as follows:—

The FLYAWAY STAKES; a sweepstakes of \$10 each with \$350 added; winner to receive 70 per cent., second 20 per cent., and third 10 per cent.; for China ponies *bond fide* griffins on date of entry; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners to carry 7lbs extra for each race won up to 14lbs. Five furlongs.

Mr. Buxey's Coronet Rose, 11st 8lbs (Mr. Cox)	1
Mr. John Peel's Royal, 10st 9lbs (Mr. Burkill)	2
Mr. Ellis Kadoorie's Chieftain, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Crighton)	3
Mr. J. H. Lewis's Regret, 11st 4lbs (Mr. Alderton)	0
Mr. F. B. Marshall's Discovery, 11st 2lbs (Mr. Moller)	0
Capt. Nugent and Mr. Dowding's Snark, 11st 11lb (Mr. Dowding)	0

Coronet Rose got the best of a good start and jumped off in front, followed by Royal and Discovery, with the rest of the field following in the order Chieftain, Regret, and Snark. Discovery pulled up when the field was approaching Wongneicheong Village, with Chieftain in close pursuit. Discovery rode wide when entering the bend coming into the straight, and Royal gained the inside position next the leader, with Chieftain challenging. On the run to the winning-post Coronet Rose maintained the advantage, Mr. Cox bringing his mount home in rattling style with about two lengths to spare. Royal kept in front of Chieftain and secured second honours by half a length. Discovery a good fourth.

Time, 1 min. 16 2-5 secs.

Pari-mutuel—Winner, \$6.40; 1st place, \$5.30; 2nd, \$6.50; 3rd, \$6.20.

The EXCHANGE PLATE; value \$1000; presented by the bankers and exchange brokers of Hongkong; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners at this meeting of one race 7lbs extra; of two or more races 10lbs extra; griffins allowed 5lbs; subscription griffins of this season 1903-1904 allowed 10lbs; unplaced runners allowed 5lbs; entrance \$10. From the two-mile post once round and in.

Mr. John Peel's Set, 11st 7lbs (Mr. Burkill)	1
Mr. Wingard's Algerine, 11st 11lb (Mr. Moller)	2
Mr. G. H. Potts's Rebel King, 10st 10lbs (Mr. Master)	3
Mr. Cleugh's The Crow, 10st 10lbs (Mr. Johnstone)	0
Mr. Wheelrut's Protection, 10st 5lbs (Mr. Schnorr)	0
Mr. Buxey's Northern Rose, 10st 8lbs (Mr. Gegg)	0
Mr. J. H. Lewis's Aladdin, 10st 10lbs (Mr. Alderton)	0
Mr. F. B. Marshall's Daybreak, 10st 13lbs (Mr. Oswald)	0
* Mr. Buxey's La France Rose, 10st 9lbs (Mr. Crighton)	0

* 5lbs. overweight.

A splendid start. Passing the stand for the first time The Crow led, with La France Rose second, Algerine third, Northern Rose fourth, and the rest in a bunch. Towards the bend La France Rose drew ahead, closely followed by The Crow, who continued for some time neck and neck. Approaching the Football Club's pavilion La France Rose hauled ahead slightly, taking, however, an outside course. La France Rose continued to gain going up hill, The Crow going well at his heels, Northern Rose next. At the Black Rock all were more or less together, La France Rose with a slight lead. Algerine made an excellent spurt nearing the Village; he was followed by Set, also doing well. In the straight Set, Algerine, and Rebel King took a lead, La France Rose and The Crow falling behind. They finished in this order.

Time, 2 min. 18 3/5 secs.

Pari-mutuel—Winner, \$68.40. 1st place, \$7.40; 2nd, \$5.90; 3rd, \$6.

The PROFESSIONAL CUP; presented; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for walers; handicap; entrance \$10. One mile.

Mr. Johnstone's Runaway Girl, 11st 8 lbs. (Owner)	1
Mr. G. Master's Remnant, 11st 11lbs (Owner)	2
The Pals' Dandy, 11st 2lbs (Mr. Moller)	3
Mr. G. H. Potts's Brilliant, 12st 5lbs (Mr. Cox)	0
Mr. Hunter's Chi Sai, 10st 10lbs (Mr. Burkill)	0
Mr. John Peel's Golden Bell, 12st 9lbs (Mr. Crighton)	0

After a lot of trouble at the start, the field got off well together. Runaway Girl secured inside position, followed closely by Chi Sai, Golden Bell, Dandy, Brilliant, and Remnant in the order named. In this position they passed the post for the first time. In approaching the Football Club pavilion Chi Sai was challenged for second place by Golden Bell, and they rode neck and neck until going up the hill to the Black Rock without either assuming the lead. Meanwhile Mr. Master sent Remnant forward at a rattling pace and came up into the bunch. Dandy also put on a spurt, and jumping into second place coming down the hill to the Village challenged Runaway Girl, Remnant follow-

ing close behind. Runaway Girl staved off Dandy's challenge. Then Remnant was sent in hot pursuit, but Mr. Master had apparently waited too long, for Runaway Girl shook off this challenge also, and passed the winning-post three-quarters of a length ahead; Dandy a good third.

Time, 1 min. 52 1-5 secs.

Pari-mutuel—Winner, \$29.40; 1st place, \$5.70; 2nd, \$5.80; 3rd, \$3.90.

The GERMAN CUP; presented by members of the Club Germania; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for China ponies, subscription griffins of this season 1903-1904; weight for inches as per scale; entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Paul's Fiscal, 11st 1lb ... (Mr. Cox) 1

Mr. Meifoo's Standard, 11st 1lb ... (Mr. Master) 2

Mr. A. Babington's Rocket, 11st 1lb ... (Mr. Burkill) 3

*Mr. J. H. Lewis's Alarm, 10st 12lbs ... (Mr. Oswald) 0

Mr. Hart Buck's Good-bye, 11st 1lb ... (Mr. Mackie) 0

Mr. A. V. Apar's Manila, 11st 1lb ... (Mr. Alderton) 0

Mr. Lola's Emigrant, 10st 9lbs ... (Mr. Bell) 0

Major Radcliff's Mabekilbui, 10st 12lbs ... (Mr. Makins) 0

Mr. Wheelrut's Fair Trade, 10st 12lbs ... (Mr. Schnorr) 0

Mr. Dowding's Panjandrum, 11st 1lb ... (Owner) 0

Mr. C. H. Ross's Ben Roy, 11st 1lb ... (Mr. Johnstone) 0

Mr. Christiani's Zufall, 11st 1lb ... (Mr. Gillingham) 0

Mr. D. MacDonald's The Baillie, 10st 12lbs ... (Mr. Clarke) 0

Mr. E. A. Bonner's Clifton, 11st 4lbs ... (Mr. Rutherford) 0

Mr. Rolason's Reed Toorie, 10st 12lbs ... (Mr. Knox) 0

*3 lbs. overweight.

The fifteen ponies started off in a bunch, Standard drawing to the front. Passing the Judges' stand for the first time the order was:—Ben Roy, Manila, Rocket, Alarm. Ben Roy continued to lead up to the Football Club's pavilion, when Manila drew up to the front. Standard overhauled first Manila and then Ben Roy towards the Black Rock Fiscal then drew up level, with Rocket, also, very near. A most exciting race down the straight was witnessed, Fiscal, Rocket, and Standard all neck-and-neck. A close finish between these three resulted.

Time, 2 min. 42 2/5 secs.

The Pari-mutuel—Winner, \$22.20; first place, \$7.10; second place, \$6.70; third place, \$8.20.

The GARRISON CUP; presented by the Officers of the garrison; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for China ponies bona fide griffins on date of entry; weight for inches as per scale; subscription griffins of this season 1903-1904 allowed 5lbs; winners at this meeting 7lbs extra; entrance \$10; from the two-mile post once round and in.

Mr. Buxey's Coronet Rose, 11st 8lbs ... (Mr. Cox) 1

Mr. John Peel's Royal, 10st 9lbs ... (Mr. Burkill) 2

There was not much doubt on the part of backers as to which of the two entrants would pull off this race. Royal at the fall of the flag made the running and led by a length till the Black Rock was neared when Coronet Rose was sent to the front and maintained the lead until the winning-post was reached. Royal made an attempt coming home to regain his lost advantage, but was shaken off by the leader.

Time, 2 mins. 23 2-5 secs.

Pari-mutuel—Winners, \$6; 1st place, \$5.80. The JOCKEY CUP; value \$300; second to receive \$100; and third \$50; for China ponies, subscription griffins of any season; to be ridden by jockeys who have not had more than two winning mounts previous to this meeting in Hongkong or China; weight for inches as per scale, previous winners barred; entrance \$10, once round.

Mr. John Peel's Ca Canny, 10st 12lbs ... (Mr. Johnstone) 1

Mr. Medico's Culex, 10st 12lbs ... (Mr. Milward) 2

Mr. Buxey's Pink Rose, 10st 12lbs ... (Mr. Gegg) 3

H. E. Mr. F. H. May's Yellow Skin, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Gedge) 0

Mr. Tremearne's Fun, 11st 1lb ... (Mr. Mackie) 0

Mr. D. Macdonald's The Provost, 11st 4lbs (Mr. Clarke) 0

Mf. W. Domnich's Growler, 11st 1lb ... (Mr. Gillingham) 0

*Mr. J. H. Lewis's Mongoose, 10st. 11lbs (Mr. Rutherford) 0

Mr. Babington's Turbine, 11st 1lb ... (Mr. Robertstone) 0

Mr. Hart Buck's Herschel II., 10st 9lbs ... (Mr. Knox) 0

Messrs. Craig & R. A. G.'s Combine 11st 4lbs (Mr. Makin) 0

All went away with a good start, Ca Canny securing a good rail-position, Pink Rose close by, with Mongoose third. This order was maintained to the Football Stand, when Pink Rose drew away from the field. At the Black Rock Pink Rose was challenged by Culex, who drew almost level in an outside position; Ca Canny stuck to the rail. Coming up the straight Ca Canny drew ahead, while Culex ousted Pink Rose and Mongoose in the second place. Ca Canny finished a couple of lengths ahead of Culex; Pink Rose was a good third.

Time, 1 min. 58 secs.

The CHALLENGE CUP; value 100 guineas; for China ponies; a forced entry of \$10 each, but optional to China ponies, subscription griffins of this or previous seasons; weight for inches as per scale; to be won two years consecutively by a pony or ponies the bona fide property of the same owner or owners; winner to receive \$300 and 70 per cent.; second \$100 and 20 per cent., and third \$50 and 10 per cent. of the entrance fees until the Cup is finally won, when the second pony will receive 75 per cent., and third pony 25 per cent. of the entrance fees. One mile and three-quarters.

Mr. John Peel's Polka, 10st 12lbs ... (Mr. Burkill) 1

Mr. G. H. Potts's Rebel King, 11st 1lb ... (Mr. Master) 2

Mr. G. H. Potts's Pandur, 11st 1lb ... (Mr. Crighton) 3

Mr. Wingard's Vancouver, 11st 1lb ... (Mr. Moller) 0

Mr. Fernando's Discord, 10st 12lbs ... (Mr. Alderton) 0

Mr. Buxey's Rare Rose, 10st 12lbs ... (Mr. Cox) 0

Mr. John Peel's Rajah, 11st 4lbs ... (Mr. Johnstone) 0

Mr. E. Goetz's Totila, 11st 7lbs (Mr. Gaunt) 0

Vancouver went off into first place at the fall of the flag, but Rajah took the lead early in the race, followed up by Rose. As the Football Pavilion was approached the three leaders drew away from the field. No change took place in the relative position of the horses until they had reached Wongneicheong, where Mr. Cox held Rare Rose in hand and fell back on the field, leaving Vancouver and Rajah three or four lengths ahead. The two leaders came up the straight neck and neck. After passing the post for the first time Vancouver and Rajah slackened their pace and allowed the field to come up. Of these Rebel King and Rare Rose held the lead. On the way to the Black Rock, Vancouver was still to the front with Rajah, Rebel King, Rare Rose, and Pandur following in the order named. At the Village Rajah gave way to his stable companion Polka. Vancouver also fell back, and Rebel King and Pandur came to the front. Coming up the home straight Polka jumped into the lead on the inside position, with Pandur behind. Mr. Master riding well out on the course sent Rebel King forward in good style, but was unable to gain the lead, and finished second, about a length behind Polka, with Pandur a good third. Vancouver and Rajah, who made the pace, finished among the last.

Time, 3 min. 48 secs.

Pari-mutuel—Winners, \$12; first place, \$6.90, second place, \$10.50; third place, \$23.00.

The "BLAKE" CHALLENGE CUP; presented by His Excellency Sir HENRY A. BLAKE, G.C.M.G.; for China ponies, subscription griffins of the seasons 1902-1903 and 1903-1904; to be won twice by ponies the bona fide property of the same owners; first pony to receive 70 per cent. of the entrance fees; second 20 per cent.; third 10 per cent.; weight for inches

as per scale; winner of the Valley Stakes or German Cup 14 lbs. extra, other winners 7 lbs. extra; penalties accumulative up to 14 lbs; entrance \$10. One mile.

Mr. Buxey's Maréchal Niel Rose, 11st 8lb (Mr. Moller) 1

The Pals' Chautauqua, 11st 11lbs ... (Mr. Burkill) 2

Mr. Darius's Eclipse, 11st 1lb ... (Mr. Crighton) 3

Mr. J. H. Lewis's Muscatel, 11st 8lb (Mr. Oswald) 0

Mr. Godfrey Master's Neddy, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Gedge) 0

Mr. Rolason's Reed Toorie, 11st 2lbs (Mr. Bell) 0

Mr. J. H. Lewis's Sentry, 11st 1lb ... (Mr. Alderton) 0

Mr. Christiani's Pech, 11st 4lbs ... (Mr. Knox) 0

A good start. Passing the post for the first time Neddy had a lead, Maréchal Niel Rose second, and Sentry third. Going up the hill Maréchal Niel Rose had a lead with Sentry and Muscatel close on his trail. At the Black Rock Maréchal Niel Rose took the inside position, distancing somewhat towards the Village. Chautauqua and Eclipse then came up into second and third places respectively. This order was maintained to the finish, when Maréchal Niel Rose won by about a-length-and-a-half. It was a good third.

Time, 2 mins. 8 2/5 secs.

Pari-mutuel—Winners, \$20.10; 1st place, \$6.80; 2nd \$7.50; 3rd \$5.90.

The NAVY CUP; presented by the Officers of His Majesty's Fleet; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for China ponies bona fide griffins on date of entry; weight for inches as per scale; winners of one race at this meeting 7 lbs. extra; of two or more races 10 lbs. extra; entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Buxey's La France Rose, 10st 11lbs ... (Mr. Cox) 1

Mr. Ellis Kadoorie's Chieftain, 10st 12lb ... (Mr. Crighton) 2

Mr. John Peel's Rex, 10st 12lbs ... (Mr. Burkill) 3

Mr. J. H. Lewis's Aladdin, 11st 1lb ... (Mr. Alderton) 0

Mr. Wheelrut's Protection, 10st 1lb ... (Mr. Schnorr) 0

Mr. Kanuck's Once More, 11st 4lbs ... (Mr. Moller) 0

Mr. Buxey's Liberty Rose, 11st 11lbs ... (Mr. Master) 0

A fair start, Liberty Rose leading, Protection second, and Once More creeping up inside the rails. Chieftain then advanced somewhat; passing the Judges' stand for the first time the order was:—Liberty Rose, Rex, Protection, and Chieftain. This continued for some distance, Protection drawing level with Rex up the hill, Chieftain continuing fourth. Towards the Black Rock La France Rose took the third place, Liberty Rose continuing to make the running, Once More also gaining a little; La France Rose going strong, next took second place, and then, in the straight, the lead. The order at the finish was, La France Rose, half-a-length ahead; Chieftain, second; Rex, a fair third.

Time, 2 min 46 2-5 secs.

The Pari-mutuel paid—Winner, \$25.40; first place, \$6.80; second place, \$5.40; third place, \$6.30.

The RACING STAKES; a sweepstakes of \$10 each with \$250 added; for China ponies, subscription griffins of any season; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners barred; first pony to receive 70 per cent.; second 20 per cent.; and third 10 per cent.; unplaced runners allowed 5 lbs. Three-quarters of a mile.

Mr. F. B. Marshall's Disclosure, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Burkill) 1

Mr. Meifoo's Standard, 11st 1lb ... (Mr. Master) 2

Major Radcliff's Arranapogue, 10st 7lbs ... (Mr. Clarke) 3

Mr. E. H. Hinds' Bonzoline, 10st 6lbs ... (Mr. Gegg) 0

Mr. Lola's Colonist, 10st 13lbs (Mr. Bell) 0

Mr. J. H. Lewis's Starling, 11st 4lbs ... (Mr. Alderton) 0

Mr. Wayfoong's Persistence, 10st 10lbs ... (Mr. Black) 0

*Mr. Buxey's Sylph Rose, 10st 11lbs ...	(Mr. Cox) 0
Mr. G. H. Macdonald's Go Bang, 10st 7lb...	(Mr. Dowding) 0
Mr. C. H. Ross's Ben Roy, 11st 1lb ...	(Mr. Johnstone) 0
Mr. Christiani's Zufall, 11st 2lbs ...	(Mr. Gaunt) 0
Mr. Tremearne's Fun, 10st 10lbs...	(Mr. Mackie) 0
Mr. E. H. Hinds's Hazard, 10st 7lbs ...	(Mr. Makins) 0
H.E. Mr. May's Blue Skin, 10st 12lbs ...	(Mr. Gedge) 0
† R.A.G.'s Spero, 10st 12lbs ...	(Mr. Rutherford) 0
Mr. E. W. Mitchell's Lord Algy, 10st 10lbs	(Mr. Knox) 0
Mr. Medico's Culex, 10st 12lbs ...	(Mr. Milward) 0
Mr. A. Babington's Turbine, 10st 10lbs ...	(Mr. Robertson) 0
Mr. E. S. Joseph's Bunder, 10st 10lbs ...	(Mr. Gillingham) 0
Mr. Buxey's Mignonette Rose, 11st 1lb ...	(Mr. Schnorr) 0
Mr. Armand's Modesty, 10st 12lbs ...	(Mr. Crighton) 0
Mr. Darius's Talbot, 10st 10lbs ...	(Mr. Moller) 0

* 4lbs overweight. † 3lbs overweight.

Disclosure started off ahead in this very big field, being closely followed by Standard and Sylph Rose. Sylph Rose then drew ahead. After passing the Black Rock Disclosure challenged Sylph Rose; they rode neck-and-neck together passing the village. Sylph Rose then fell back, Standard and Arranapogue, taking second and third places.

Time, 1 min. 33 2/5 secs.

The Pari-mutuel paid—Winner, \$14.90; first place, \$7.60; second place, \$6.60; third place \$50.20.

THIRD DAY, 25TH FEBRUARY.

On Thursday there was a continuance of the good weather which had favoured the opening days of the Race Meeting. In the forenoon the attendance was small, but as the afternoon wore on the Race Course became crowded, more so even than on Tuesday or Wednesday, while thousands of Chinese lined the Golf Course side of the track.

The band of the Sherwood Foresters, under Bandmaster E. J. Bradley, played the following selections:—

March..... "The Coon Drum-Major" ... Stuart
Overture .. "Haydée" Auber
Selection ... *Florodora* Stuart
Valse "Midsummer" Marigold
Selection ... "A Chinese Honeymoon" ... Talbot
Two Step ... "Blaze Away" Moret
Selection ... "Songs of Tosti" Pougher
Sketch "Down South" Myddleton
Selection ... *The Toreador* Caryl
Valse "Sourire d'Avril" Duprel
March "Whistling Rufus" Mills
Morceau..... "Schenkelkaligchen" Eilenberg
Valse "Bleue" Margis
Intermezzo.. "Endoric" Andrée

In the Grand Stand Stakes seven horses faced the starter. La France Rose started favourite, and performing up to expectations, beat Royal and Aladdin. Mr. Johnstone brought home Ca Canny first in the Spring Stakes after a fine race; Panjandrum was second and Chautauqua third. In the Great Southern Stakes race the winner turned up in Discord, which was not very much fancied for the event, Fiscal having to be content with second honours and Algerine with third. Set won the Ladies' Purse; Vancouver and Marechal Niel Rose finishing behind. Just before tiffin the prizes in this race were presented by Miss Berkeley, daughter of Hon. Sir Henry S. Berkeley, the Attorney-General. Aladdin brought off his first win of the Meeting in the Parsee Cup Race. In the Phaethon Stakes, Dandy started a favourite. He made the pace for most part of the course, but broke his fetlock coming into the straight. Remnant took up the running and finished first with Runaway Girl close up. Dandy had to be shot. Fiscal won the Hong-kong Stakes as was pretty generally anticipated. Rajah came in first in the Consolation Stakes with Vancouver second.

Coronet Rose, Mr. Buxey's Derby winner, was, naturally, a hot favourite for the Champion Stakes, though, indeed, many also backed Mr.

John Peel's Polka for a win. Coronet Rose won hands down. Mr. Buxey, undoubtedly the most fortunate owner of the meeting, again won in Nil Desperandum Stakes with his horse Pink Rose, who proved himself by far the best of the beaten lot. Had one backed the Roses right through they would have been well in.

The results were as follows:—

The GRAND STANDSTAKES; value \$500 second to receive \$150, and third \$50; for China ponies *bona-fide* griffins on date of entry; winners of one race 5 lbs. extra; of two races 7 lbs. extra; and of 3 or more races 10 lbs. extra; subscription griffins non-winners allowed 5 lbs.; entrance \$10. Three-quarters of a mile.

Mr. Buxey's La France Rose, 11st ...	(Mr. Cox) 1
Mr. John Peel's Royal, 10st 1lb ...	(Mr. Burkill) 2
Mr. J. H. Lewis's Aladdin, 11st 1lb ...	(Mr. Alderton) 3
Mr. Wheelrut's Protection, 11st 1lb ...	(Mr. Schnorr) 0
Mr. Ellie Kadoorie's Chieftain, 10st 12lbs...	(Mr. Crighton) 0
Mr. Kanuck's Once More, 11st 4lbs ...	(Mr. Mackie) 0
Mr. Buxey's Liberty Rose, 11st 9lbs ...	(Mr. Bell) 0

They started away with a good start, Liberty Rose making the running followed by Royal and Aladdin, and the rest of the field in a group behind. Between the Black Rock and the village La France Rose came to the front, and ousted the leader, who shortly afterwards fell back. Royal challenged La France Rose in the straight, but the other spurred, coming home, some three lengths ahead. Royal was second, Aladdin third.

Time, 1 min. 33 2/5 secs.

The Pari-mutuel paid—\$8.30 winner; \$5.30 first place; \$6.40 second; \$13.30 third.

The SPRING STAKES; value \$500; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for China ponies, subscription griffins of this season 1903-1904; weight for inches as per scale; winner of the German Cup 7 lbs. extra; entrance \$10. From the two-mile post once round and in.

Mr. John Peel's Ca Canny, 10st 12lbs ...	(Mr. Johnstone) 1
Mr. Dowding's Panjandrum, 11st 1lb...	(Owner) 2
The Pals' Chautauqua, 11st 4lbs ...	(Mr. Moller) 3
Mr. A. V. Apcar's Manila, 11st 1lb ...	(Mr. Master) 0
Mr. Wheelrut's Fair Trade, 10st 12lbs ...	(Mr. Schnorr) 0
H. E. Mr. May's Blue Skin, 10st 12lbs ...	(Mr. Gedge) 0
Mr. F. B. Marshall's Disclosure, 10st 12lbs	(Mr. Oswald) 0
Major Radcliff's Arranapogue, 10st 12lbs	(Mr. Clarke) 0
Mr. Medico's Culex, 10st 12lbs ...	(Mr. Milward) 0
Mr. Babington's Rocket, 11st 1lb ...	(Mr. Burkill) 0
Mr. Armand's Modesty, 10st 12lbs ...	(Mr. Crighton) 0
Mr. Darius's Eclipse, 11st 1lb ...	(Mr. Bell) 0
Mr. D. Macdonald's The Elder, 11st 1lb ...	(Mr. Makin) 0

Modesty made the running throughout. Passing the post for the first time Modesty led by a length followed by The Elder and Eclipse. On the second round Mr. Master sent Manila, who had been lying low, along among the leaders. Ca Canny also made a spurt when going down the slope from the Black Rock, and though Mr. Johnstone had to take a wide sweep at the bend to get clear of the field he forced Ca Canny to the front coming up the straight displacing Modesty. Panjandrum also came up in the straight and took precedence of Eclipse and The Elder, who fell back into the group. Chautauqua followed Panjandrum. Both challenged Ca Canny when nearing home but Mr. Johnstone kept his lead to the winning post and got in first with two lengths to spare. A good third.

Time, 2 min. 22 2-5 secs.

The Pari-mutuel paid—\$41.30 for winner; \$12.50 first place; \$48.60 second place; \$20.30 third.

The GREAT SOUTHERN STAKES; value \$500; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners at this meeting of one race 7 lbs. extra; of 2 or more races 10 lbs. extra; griffins allowed 5 lbs; subscription griffins allowed 10 lbs.; entrance \$10. One mile.

Mr. Fernando's Discord, 10st 12lbs ...	(Mr. Alderton) 1
Mr. Paul's Fiscal, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Cox) ...	2
Mr. Wingard's Algerine, 11st 1lb ...	(Mr. Moller) 3
Mr. G. H. Potts's Pandur, 11st 1lb ...	(Mr. Burkill) 0
Mr. G. H. Potts's Rebel King, 11st 1lb ...	(Mr. Master) 0
Mr. Cleugh's The Crow, 11st 1lb...	(Mr. Johnstone) 0
Mr. Buxey's Rare Rose, 10st 12lbs ...	(Mr. Crighton) 0

Rare Rose started off with the lead. Passing the stand for the first time the order was:—Fiscal, Algerine, Rebel King, and The Crow, with Pandur and Discord bringing up the rear. Algerine then went to the front, followed by Discord, beating Fiscal up the hill. Discord led at the Black Rock by about half-a-length. Fiscal keeping the inside position took the lead at the village. Discord shortly afterwards came up neck-and-neck. In the straight Rebel King took the inside position. Discord challenged Fiscal and won in grand style by half-a-length. Fiscal was second, Algerine third.

Time, 2 mins. 9 secs.

Pari-mutuel—Winners, \$243; 1st place, \$27.70; 2nd, \$9.10; 3rd, \$6.90.

The LADIES' PURSE; presented; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for all China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; winners at this meeting other than subscription griffins 5 lbs. extra; unplaced runners allowed 5 lbs; entrance \$10. Once round.

Mr. John Peel's Set, 11st 12lbs ...	(Mr. Johnstone) 1
Mr. Wingard's Vancouver, 11st 1lb ...	(Mr. Moller) 2
Mr. Buxey's Maréchal Niel Rose, 11st 1lb...	(Mr. Cox) 3
* Mr. Buxey's Northern Rose, 10st 9lbs ...	(Mr. Crighton) 0
Mr. J. H. Lewis's Starling, 11st 4lbs ...	(Mr. Rutherford) 0
Mr. J. H. Lewis's Muscatel, 10st 10lbs ...	(Mr. Bell) 0

* 5lbs overweight.

The field got off to a capital start, Maréchal Niel Rose taking the inside position followed by Northern Rose, Vancouver, Starling, Muscatel, and Set bringing up the rear. As the race progressed along the far stretch of the course Set drew up among the leaders, followed by Vancouver. Coming up the home straight Set pressed to the front rank. Northern Rose fell back, Vancouver taking up second place and Maréchal Niel Rose third; the race finished in the order named.

Time, 1 min. 52 3-5 secs.

Pari-mutuel—Winner, \$14.60; 1st place, \$5.80; 2nd, \$5.70; 3rd, \$5.90.

The PARSEE CUP; presented; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for China ponies *bona-fide* griffins on date of entry; weight for inches as per scale; winners of one race 5 lbs extra; of two races 7 lbs. extra; and of three or more races 10 lbs. extra; entrance \$10. Seven furlongs.

Mr. J. H. Lewis's Aladdin, 11st 1lb ...	(Mr. Alderton) 1
Mr. Buxey's La France Rose, 11st 1lbs ...	(Mr. Cox) 2
Mr. John Peel's Rex, 10st 12lbs ...	(Mr. Johnstone) 3
Mr. G. Master's Dormouse, 10st 12lbs ...	(Mr. Gedge) 0
Mr. Wingard's Quebec, 11st 1lb ...	(Mr. Moller) 0
Mr. Kanuck's Once More, 11st 4lbs ...	(Mr. Crighton) 0
* Mr. John Peel's Royal, 10st 11lbs ...	(Mr. Burkill) 0

* 2lbs overweight.

La France Rose and Aladdin, the favourites, got the worse of a bad start, Quebec ahead. Towards the Black Rock Quebec drew ahead, with Rex coming up and Dormouse third. At the village La France Rose and Aladdin

drew up challenging and passing the second and third ponies. Coming down the straight Aladdin took the lead, Quebec falling behind and Rex keeping close up. La France Rose challenged Aladdin, but was never able to quite pass him. A very close finish, Rex being a fair third.

Time, 1 min. 53 secs.

Pari-mutuel—Winner, \$43.60; 1st place, \$9.10; 2nd, \$6.30; 3rd, \$8.

The PHAETHON STAKES; value \$500; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for walers. Handicap; entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. G. Master's Remnant, 12st 7lb (Owner) 1
Mr. Johnstone's Runaway Girl, 12st (Owner) 2
Mr. G. H. Potts's Brilliant, 11st 5lb ... (Mr. Cox) 3
The Pals' Dandy, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Moller) 0
Mr. Hunter's Chi Sai, 10st (Mr. Mackie) 0
Mr. Hart Buck's School Girl, 11st ... (Mr. Clarke) 0
Mr. John Peel's Golden Bell, 11st 9lbs ... (Mr. Crighton) 0

Seven started. School Girl jumped to the front but was ousted by Chisai, and passing the post for the first time they were followed by Runaway Girl and Dandy. On the last round Dandy pressed to the front and made the running until nearing Wongneicheung, where he showed signs of distress and fell back. Remnant came forward, and challenging Brilliant took up the lead followed by Runaway Girl. Remnant came up the straight in fine style and won from Runaway Girl by three-quarters of a length. When Dandy rode up opposite the Grand Stand it was seen that he had fractured his fetlock in the near hind leg; he was led to the paddock and examination showed such serious injury that he had to be shot.

Time, 2 min. 21.3.5 secs.

The Pari-mutuel paid—\$12.60 winner; \$6.50 first place; \$7.20 second; \$10.90 third.

The HONGKONG STAKES; value \$500; second to receive \$150, and third \$50; for China ponies, subscription griffins of this season 1903-1904; weight for inches as per scale; winner of the Spring Stakes or German Cup 7lbs. extra; entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Paul's Fiscal, 11st 8lbs (Mr. Moller) ... 1
Mr. Meifoo's Standard, 12st 1lb (Mr. Master) 2
The Pals' Chantauqua, 11st 4lbs ... 3
Mr. Wheelrut's Fair Trade, 10st 1lb ... 0
Mr. A. V. Apcar's Manila, 11st 1lb ... (Mr. Gegg) 0
Mr. D. Macdonald's The Bailie, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Clarke) 0
Mr. W. Domnich's Kid, 10st 12lbs ... (Mr. Gillingham) 0
Mr. Lola's Emigrant, 10st. 9lbs. (Mr. Bell) 0
Mr. A. Babington's Rocket, 11st 1lb ... (Mr. Burkill) 0
* Mr. J. H. Lewis's Mongoose, 10st 11lbs ... (Mr. Rutherford) 0
Mr. Rolason's Reed Toorie, 10st 12lbs ... (Mr. Mackie) 0
Mr. C. H. Ross's Ben Roy, 11st 1lb ... (Mr. Johnstone) 0
* 2lbs overweight.

Mongoose got the lead, with Ben Roy and The Bailie close on. Ben Roy next took a lead when going up the hill. Towards the Black Rock Fiscal drew ahead, increasing his lead at the village. Standard and Chantauqua took the second place in the straight riding neck-and-neck. An exciting finish showed Fiscal a winner by about half a length; Standard second, Chantauqua third.

Time, 2 min. 43.3.5 secs.

The Pari-mutuel paid—\$32.90 winner; \$7.70 first place; \$5.90 second place; \$11 third.

The CONSOLATION STAKES; a sweepstakes of \$10 each with \$200 added; second to receive \$100, and third \$50; for beaten China ponies at this meeting; weight for inches as per scale. One mile.

Mr. John Peel's Rajah, 11st 4lbs ... (Mr. Burkill) 1
Mr. Wingard's Vancouver, 11st 1lb ... (Mr. Moller) 2
Mr. F. B. Marshall's Daybreak, 11st 4lb ... (Mr. Oswald) 3
Mr. G. H. Potts's Pandur, 11st 1lb ... (Mr. Master) 0
Mr. Wheelrut's Protection, 11st 1lb ... (Mr. Schnorr) 0

Five started. Rajah went ahead at the fall of the flag with Vancouver second, Protection third, and Pandur running well with the third horse in hand. Daybreak made a bid for third place when approaching the Football Club pavilion and Vancouver was sent to the front of the field. Vancouver took the lead at the Black Rock; Daybreak fell back on the field with Pandur and Protection last. Coming round the bend into the straight Vancouver was overtaken by Rajah, who kept his lead until the winning-post was past, coming home a good two lengths in front.

Time, 2 min. 6.2.5 secs.

The Pari-mutuel paid—\$23.50 for winner \$9.60 first place; \$6.60 second place.

The CHAMPION STAKES; with \$500 added; second to receive \$250, and third \$100; for China ponies winners at this meeting only; a forced entry; entrance \$20; winners of two races \$30; of three or more races \$50; weight for inches as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Buxey's Coronet Rose, 11st 1lb ... (Mr. Cox) 1
Mr. John Peel's Polka, 10st 12lbs ... (Mr. Burkill) 2
The Pals' Huron, 11st 1lb (Mr. Master) ... 3
Mr. Downing's Panjandrum, 11st 1lb ... (Mr. Dowding) 0
Mr. Fernando's Discord, 10st 12lbs ... (Mr. Alderton) 0
Mr. J. H. Lewis's Aladdin, 11st 1lbs ... (Mr. Crighton) 0
Mr. John Peel's Set, 11st 7lbs ... (Mr. Johnstone) 0

Mr. John Peel made a declaration regarding Set and Polka: the best to win.

Good start, Polka taking the lead while Coronet Rose and Set brought up the rear, the going being very easy. There was little if any change in the straight. Passing the stand Polka had the lead, Panjandrum second, Aladdin third. Set and Coronet Rose continued in the rear up to the football pavilion, when the latter, the great Derby favourite, crept up to the second place, shortly afterwards taking a lead when going up the hill; Polka was then second; Set third. Passing the Black Rock this was still the order which, in fact, was also maintained passing the village, Discord bringing up the rear. In the straight Huron challenged and passed Set for third place, Coronet Rose continuing to lead and winning hands down. Polka was second.

Time 2 min 3.94.5 secs.

The Pari-mutuel paid—\$9.90 winner; \$5.60 first place; \$6.10 second; 6.30 third.

The NIL DESPERANDUM STAKES; a sweepstakes of \$5 with \$150 added; second to receive \$100, and third \$50; for beaten China ponies, subscription griffins of this season 1903-1904; weight for inches as per scale. Five furlongs.

Mr. Buxey's Pink Rose, 10st 12lbs ... (Mr. Moller) 1
Mr. Canada's Tai Yat, 10st 12lbs ... (Mr. Schnorr) 2
Mr. Tremearne's Fun, 11st 1lb ... (Mr. Crighton) 3
Mr. Meifoo's Standard, 11st 1lb ... (Mr. Master) 0
Mr. D. Macdonald's The Provost, 11st 4lbs (Mr. Clarke) 0
Mr. Headly's Powder-Puff, 10st 12lbs ... (Mr. Light) 0
Messrs. Veitch & Hunter's Zagloba, 10st 11bs (Mr. Burkill) 0
Mr. Medico's Culex, 10st 12lbs ... (Mr. Millward) 0
Mr. Ellis Kadoorie's Teetotum, 10st 6lbs ... (Mr. Mackie) 0
H.E. Mr. May's Yellow Skin, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Gedge) 0
Mr. E. A. Bonner's Clifton, 11st 4lbs ... (Mr. Rutherford) 0
Mr. Lola's Colonist, 11st 4lbs (Mr. Bell) 0
* Mr. Rolason's Reed Toorie, 11st ... (Mr. Oswald) 0
Mr. Wayfoong's Persistence, 11st 1lbs ... (Mr. Black) 0
Mr. J. H. Lewis's Alarm, 10st 9lbs ... (Mr. Alderton) 0
Mr. Johnstone's Border Laird, 11st 4lbs ... (Mr. Johnstone) 0
Mr. G. B. Macdonald's Go Bang, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Dowding) 0

† Capt. Nugent and Mr. Dowding's Snark, 11st 9lbs (Mr. Smith) 0
Mr. W. Domnich's Growler, 11st 1lb ... (Mr. Gillingham) 0
* Mr. E. H. Hind's Bonzoline, 10st 11lbs ... (Mr. Knox) 0
* 2lbs overweight. † 8lbs overweight.

A score of beaten ponies started in this race Standard taking a good position at the rail. Shortly after the set off Set shot ahead and continued to lead up the hill. At the Black Rock Pink Rose overhauled the third horse, Tai Yat. At the home side of the Black Rock Pink Rose challenged the leaders, and Set fell behind, while Tai Yat and Fun asserted themselves ahead of the field in the second and third positions. Pink Rose was an easy winner.

Time, 1 min. 17.4.5 secs.

The Pari-mutuel paid—\$28.50 winner; \$8.70 first place; \$19.30 second; \$13.80 third.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

RIGHT HALF NO. 2 CO.

The final shoot for the cup presented by Sir Thomas Jackson took place at Tai Hang Range on Saturday and Sunday last, and the cup was won outright by Corp. B. W. Grey. Gur. H. S. Holmes shot well and looked very like winning when he went back from 400 yards with 64 to his credit and only 24 to make to beat Grey's 87, but unfortunately he failed to find the target with his sighting shots at 500 yards and left Grey the winner by six points. The competition for this cup has been going on since 1902.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

NINTH CLUB RACE.

The course for this race was the same as for the last club race, round a markboat off Chung-hue and the North Fairway Buoy.

The championship yachts sailed on Saturday, last, when light and variable airs prevailed. The *Elspeth* got off with a long lead at first, but at the west end of Stonecutter's the four yachts were level. Here the *Elspeth* and *Dione* again found a nice breeze, and seemed as if they would finish the course in good time, but calms and a foul tide stopped them in the last run home, so that neither yacht could finish before the time limit, which is now at 6 p.m.

On Sunday the day opened with a fresh breeze from the S. W., but by 1 p.m. it had died away considerably, and in the evening calms and light airs prevailed. The one-design yachts started at 1 p.m. The *Kathleen* led at the Chung-hue markboat in the first round, but getting into a calm at the Fairway Buoy was passed by the others. The *Colleen* led at the second round, but was passed by the *Min* in the run home. The times at the finish were:—

	H.	M.	S.
Min ...	5	11	54
Colleen ...	5	14	30
Kathleen ...	5	19	50
Erica ...	5	20	55
Bonito ...	5	23	5

The handicap class, starting ten minutes later than the one-design class, sailed with varying fortune in the fitful puffs of wind, several of them catching up the leading fleet of yachts. The times at the finish were:—

	H.	M.	S.		H.	M.	S.
<i>Doreen</i> ...	5	17	8	Corrected time	5	6	38
<i>Iris</i> ...	5	14	15	"	"	5	7 15
<i>Alannah</i> ...	5	15	0	"	"	5	15 0
<i>Chanticleer</i> ...	5	25	30	"	"	5	15 0
<i>Gloria</i> ...	5	26	10	"	"	5	15 45

Yet another conflagration has to be recorded, which broke out at 12.25 a.m. on the 24th No. 95, Jervois Street. The fire originated in the medicine-shop of Leung Yan Po, immediately spreading to the floor above, occupied by the New Territory Opium Farmer. Chief Inspector Baker, in charge of the Fire Brigade, with Mr. MacDonald, Chief Engineer, were soon on the spot, and the efforts of the men were crowned with success in a very short time, the fire being confined to the premises mentioned, and the damage only amounting to \$1,100 in all. The property is insured with the Shaugwan Insurance Company.

HONGKONG,

The cases of communicable disease reported in the Colony last week were:—enteric fever 2 (1 European, 1 Japanese, both imported); plague 1 (Chinese, fatal); small-pox 1 (European).

Six of the wounded Russian sailors brought down from Chemulpo were admitted on the 24th inst. into the Government Civil Hospital.

The Messageries Maritimes s.s. *Yarra* which left on the 23rd inst. had on board Baron Rosen, the recalled Russian Minister to Tokyo, with Madame Rosen and their daughter, M. de Sivers, Russian Consul-General at Yokohama, the wife and family of 4; M. Wassilief, Russian Vice-Consul at Kobe, with wife and child; Prince Gayarine, Russian Consul at Nagasaki, with his wife; and a number of other Russians from Japan. They are all homeward bound to Europe. The party had an uneventful voyage, and there was no unusual excitement in Japan when they left. Baron de Rosen was the recipient of numerous parting gifts, including many from Japanese friends. He is well spoken of in the Japanese Press, moreover.

Under the auspices of the Odd Volumes Society, Rev. E. J. Hardy lectured on the 22nd inst. in the City Hall on "Chinese Manners." H.E. Major-General Villiers Hatton, C.B., presided over a large audience, including Mrs. May, Hon. Gershom Stewart and Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Dickson, Hon. H. E. Pollock, and Colonel L. F. Brown, R.E. Rev. Mr. Hardy dealt with his subject in his customary entertaining, racy manner. He contrasted the manners of the East with those of the West, showing how their standards of civility and politeness differed essentially in many ways and making a plea to foreigners in China to show towards the lower classes of the Chinese that politeness of treatment which they got at the hands of the upper classes of their own countrymen. At the close, the lecturer got a hearty vote of thanks.

At about 2.55 a.m. on the 25th inst. another fire broke out, with what might have had disastrous results. Starting at the 2nd floor of No. 444, Des Vaux Road West, in a large, well-stocked mat-shop, the conflagration was soon under full way. The alarm having been given it was not long before the Fire Brigade was on the scene, under charge of Mr. Hallifax, Mr. Macdonald, Chief Engineer, and the full staff being present. Considerable delay, however, was caused by the inability to obtain a supply of water to play on the fire, and until the water was turned on the firemen could do but little more than remove property from the adjoining buildings which were threatened. In the meantime the fire spread unchecked to Nos. 446 on one side, and 442, 440, and 438 on the other, Nos. 444 and 446 being completely gutted, while the surrounding premises were considerably damaged by the falling sparks, and the volumes of water, of which there was at last a plentiful supply. During the progress of this fire the outer wall of No. 438 collapsed suddenly, and fell crashing into Sai On Lane, nearly catching Inspector McNab and Sergeants Grant and Watt in its fall, who most fortunately, however, just escaped with their lives, without sustaining further injuries than a slight scorching, and somewhat damaged clothes.

COMMERCIAL.

SILK.

CANTON, 30th January, 1904.—Re-reels.—A few transactions only have taken place since our last circular, from which we quote:—Yee Wo Hing's extra White Ticket @ \$785, and No. 1, \$755. Filatures.—Quiet with little doing at slightly lower prices; from purchases made we quote:—Yn Cheong Wo, 10/12 @ \$850; Yee Wo Cheong, 18/22 @ \$76; Yuen Hing, 11/13-13/15 @ \$735. Short-reels.—Quiet, some purchases have been made, but nothing of importance; from which we quote:—Kwong Shun Ching @ \$880, Kwong Shun @ \$830, Ku King @ \$805. Waste Silk.—Continues quiet, with but little business since our last report.

SUGAR.

Hongkong 26th February.—Some demands having come forward the prices are advancing.

Shekloong, No. 1, White.....	\$8.65 to \$8.70	pois.
Do. " 2, White.....	7.65 to 7.70	"
Do. " 1, Brown.....	5.80 to 5.85	"
Do. " 2, Brown.....	5.60 to 5.65	"
Swatow, No. 1, White.....	8.55 to 8.60	"
Do. " 2, White.....	7.60 to 7.65	"
Do. " 1, Brown.....	4.90 to 4.95	"
Do. " 2, Brown.....	4.70 to 4.75	"
Foochow Sugar Candy.....	12.80 to 12.85	"
Shekloong ".....	10.70 to 10.75	"

RICE.

HONGKONG 26th February.—The prices are further declining, market being dull.

Saigon, Ordinary.....	\$2.85 to \$2.90
" Round, good quality.....	3.95 to 4.00
" Long.....	4.05 to 4.15
Siam, Field mill cleaned, No. 2.....	3.45 to 3.50
" Garden, " No. 1.....	3.35 to 3.40
" White,.....	4.45 to 4.50
" Fine Cargo.....	4.75 to 4.80

OPIUM.

25th February.—

Quotations are:—Allowance net. to 1 catty.	
Malwa New.....	\$900 to \$920 per picul.
Malwa Old.....	\$940 to \$960 do.
Malwa Older.....	\$1,030 to \$1,050 do.
Malwa V. Old.....	\$1,030 to \$1,100 do.
Persian fine quality.....	\$890 to — do.
Persian extra fine.....	\$900 to — do.
Patna New.....	\$1,247½ to — per chest.
Patna Old.....	— to — do.
Benares New.....	\$1,242½ to — do.
Benares Old.....	— to — do.

HONGKONG, 25th February.

The movements in our various Opium markets have been as follows:—

	Malwa.	Patna.	Benares.	Persian.
Stocks as per circular of 11th Feb., 1904.	1,825	1,354	590	1,683
Feb. 13th Imports per Ballarat 729½	220	—	—	201
" 23rd " " G. Apar —	596	370	—	—
" 24th " " Java —	—	20	150	—
	2,554½	2,170	980	2,014
Less Exports to Shanghai	203	225	60	—
Less Exports to East and West Coast Ports including Local Consumption for the fortnight.....	150½	292	131	110

Estimated Stocks this day .. 2,201 1,653 789 1,904

Bengal.—The market continued to decline steadily without any business until prices touched \$1,245 for Patna and \$1,340 for Benares when a fair business was transacted. We close steady @ \$1,247½ for Patna and \$1,242½ for Benares.

Malwa.—The market is quiet at the following quotations:—

New.....	\$925
2-3 years old.....	\$970
4-5 " ".....	\$1,030
Oldest.....	\$1,080

Persian—Unchanged.

COTTON.

HONGKONG 26th February.—Small sales at last rates. Stocks about 1,900 bales.

Bombay.....	25.00 to 27.00	picul
Bengal (New), Rangoon.....	26.00 to 30.00	"
and Dacca.....	—	"
Shanghai and Japanese.....	30.00 to 31.00	"
Tungchow and Ningpo.....	30.00 to 31.00	"

Sale:—200 bales.

YARN.

Mr. Eduljee, in his report, dated Hongkong Feb. 26th, says:—The market has but partially opened and the bulk of sales noted below may be placed under the category of "congratulatory" purchases. Prices obtained, however, are very unsatisfactory, the recent gain in value of \$5 per bale, alluded to in last report, having completely disappeared. Considering the wild excitement in Bombay consequent on the scarcity of raw cotton, the certainty of very restricted supplies, and the depletion of stocks, both here and in the country, the action of one or two weak holders in forcing sales at a heavy decline would appear to be too precipitate, as with a little patience they would have equally succeeded in placing their yarn with advantage, and without detriment to a healthy market. Under the circumstances prices considerably weakened, but soon rallied through the firmness of large importers, and the market closes firm with a strong demand for No. 10s and 12s at an advance of \$1 to \$2 per bale over the lowest point of the fortnight.

Local Manufacture:—The local mills are doing nothing; the cost of production at the present level of the raw material precluding business.

Japanese Yarn—has also suffered in sympathy with Indian thread, and rates have receded \$4 to \$5 per bale; business reported being about 2,000 bales No. 20s at from \$131 to \$134, of which more than half are re-sales.

Raw Cotton:—There is no change to note in the continued quietness of this article. The fluctuations on the other side are not at all reflected here. A single sale of about 100 bales superfine Bengal is reported at \$29. Stock 2,000 bales. China Cotton is quiet with a slight stock of 200 bales. Quotations are Indian \$27 to \$30. Chinese \$23 to \$31.

Exchange on India, after some fluctuations, closes to-day at Rs. 137½ for T/T, and Rs. 137½ for Post. On Shanghai 71 and on Yokohama 91½.

The undernoted business in imported and local yarn is reported from Shanghai during the fortnight ended the 12th instant, viz:—

Indian:—Total sales 2,500 bales including 1,445 bales No. 10s, 427 bales No. 12s, 295 bales No. 16s, and 333 bales No. 20s, at or about previous quotations. Estimated unsold stock 48,000 bales. Close firm.

Japanese:—Total sales 2,500 bales say at Taels 85½ to 90 for No. 16s, and Tls. 92 to 96 for No. 20s, rates showing a decline of Taels 1½. Close weak.

Local:—No business; the cost of production exceeding 5 to 6 Taels over prices current.

MISCELLANEOUS IMPORTS.

HONGKONG, 12th Feby.—The prices ruling are as follows:—

COTTON YARN—

Bombay—Nos. 10 to 20, ...	\$ 90.00 to \$128.00
English—Nos. 16 to 24, ...	114.00 to 120.00
" 22 to 24, ...	120.00 to 128.00
" 28 to 32, ...	136.00 to 142.00
" 38 to 42, ...	155.00 to 170.00

Reported sales 1,500 bales.

COTTON PIECE GOODS—

	per piece
Grey Shirtings—6 lbs.	2.30 to 2.40
7 lbs.	2.50 to 2.80
8.4 lbs.	3.50 to 4.25
9 to 10 lbs.	4.30 to 5.50
White Shirtings—54 to 56 rd.	2.90 to 3.25
58 to 60 "	3.50 to 4.00
64 to 66 "	4.25 to 5.75
Fine.....	6.00 to 8.50
Book-folds.....	5.00 to 8.00
Victoria Lawns—12 yards ...	0.85 to 1.75
T-Cloths—6lbs. (32 in.), Ord'y.	2.30 to 2.80
7lbs. (32 ") ..	2.50 to 3.00
6lbs. (32 ") ..	2.50 to 3.00
7lbs. (32 ") ..	3.10 to 3.30
8 to 8.4 oz., (36 in.)	3.30 to 4.05
Drills, English—40 yds., 13½ " to 14 lbs.	4.75 to 7.30

FANCY COTTONS—

Turkey Red Shirtings—1½ to 8 lbs.	1.75 to 4.00
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Brocades—Dyed..... — to —

DAMASKS—

	per yard
Chintzes—Assorted.....	0.9½ to —
Velvets—Black, 22 in.	0.26 to 0.47½
Velveteens—18 in.	0.25 to 0.26

Handkerchiefs—Imitation Silk 0.35 to 3.50

WOOLLENS—

	per yard
Spanish Stripes—Sundry chops 0.77½ to 2.25	
German.....	— to —
Habit, Med., and Broad Cloths.....	1.25 to 3.50

Long Ells—Scarlet, 7-10 lbs. 6.95 to 9.30

Assorted..... 7.10 to 9.45

Camlets—Assorted..... 12.50 to 33.00

Lastings—30 yds., 31 inches..... 12.50 to 22.50

Assorted..... 12.50 to 22.50

Orleans—Plain, 31 in. 10.00 to —

Blankets—8 to 12 lbs. 0.6½ to 0.80

Fine quality..... 1.25 to 1.85

METALS—

	per picul
Iron—Nail Rod.....	4.25 to —
Square, Flat Round Bar (Eng.).....	4.25 to —
Swedish Bar.....	4.30 to —
Small Round Rod.....	4.50 to —
Hoop ½ to 1½ in.	6.40 to —
Wire, 16/25 oz.	9.50 to —
Wire Rope, Old.....	3.00 to —

METALS—

	per picul
Lead, L.B. & Co. and Hole Chop.....	8.30 to —
Australian.....	8.30 to —
Yellow M'tal—Muntz 14/20 oz.	41.00 to —
Vivian's 14/20 oz.	41.00 to —
Elliot's 14/20 oz.	41.00 to —
Composition Nails.....	61.00 to —
Japan Copper, Slabs.....	38.50 to —
Tin.....	77.50 to —

Tin-Plates..... 7.00 to —

per cwt. cases

Steel ½ to ½..... 3.30 to —

HONGKONG QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong, 26th February,	
Beans	\$34
Borax	\$18
Camphor (China).....	\$115
" (Formosa).....	\$—
Cassia (First quality).....	\$—23
" (Second ").....	\$—14
" Oil	\$162½ @ 170
Cloves	\$40
Fennel Seed Oil	\$330
Galangal	\$5½
Garlic	\$—
Glue.....	\$26
Grapes	\$17
Ivory	\$250 @ 675
Kismiss	\$15
Olibanum	\$27
Rosa Oil	\$60 @ 175
Saltpetre	\$10 @ 11
Sandal wood	\$28
" Oil	\$400
Senna Leaves.....	\$1
Sugar Candy	\$10 @ 10½
Vermilion	\$84½ @ 85
Wax.....	\$49 @ 50

MISCELLANEOUS EXPORTS.

HANKOW, 10th February.—The prices quoted are for the net shipping weight excluding cost of packing for export:—

Cowhides, best selected (Winter cargo) Tls.	33.50
Do. seconds	29.50
Buffalo hides, best selected	22.00
Goatskins, untanned (chiefly white colour), ..	59.00
Buffalo Horns (average 3 lbs. each)	10.20
White China Grass (Wuchang and/or Poochi)	12.00
White China Grass (Sinshan and/or Chayu)	11.80
Green China Grass (Szechuen)	11.70
Jute	5.00
White Vegetable Tallow (Kinchow) ..	11.00
White Vegetable Tallow (Pingchow and/or Macheng)	10.90
White Vegetable Tallow (Mongyu) ..	9.00
Green Vegetable Tallow (Kiyu)	12.50
Animal Tallow	10.00
Gallnuts (usual shape)	19.00
Do. (Plum) do.	20.00
Tobacco, Tinchow	118.00
Black Bristles	22.50
Feathers (Grey and/or White Duck) ..	3.50
Turmeric	4.20
Sesamum Seed	7.90
Sesamum Seed Oil	7.90
Vegetable Tallow Seed Oil	8.00
Wood Oil	9.50
Tea Oil	9.50

Per steamer *Kintuck*, sailed on 19th February. For London:—446 rolls matting, 293 boxes tea scented caper 6,153 lbs. 135 cases particulars unknown, 37 cases blackwoodware, 21 cases human hair, 100 cases ginger, 30 cases essential oil, 3 cases gum copal, 495 bales hemp. For Manchester:—100 bales waste silk. For Hamburg:—67 bales feathers. For Antwerp:—103 packages ore, 81 bales feathers. For Beyrouth:—50 rolls matting. For London and Hamburg:—250 cases cassia, 185 bales canes, 27 bales feathers. For Havre and Hamburg:—20 cases bristles. For Antwerp and Hamburg:—25 cases bristles, 50 cases gallnuts. For Havre, Hamburg and London:—20 cases bristles. For Various Ports:—9 packages sundries.

Per steamer *Gera*, sailed on 17th February. For Singapore:—131 rolls matting. For Colombo:—9 baskets earthenware. For Suez:—42 cases effects. For Naples:—218 boxes cassia, 18 rolls matting. For Genoa:—56 rolls matting, 50 cases essential oil, 10 bales raw silk, 1 case camphorwood trunks. For Venice:—150 cases cassia. For Antwerp:—300 bales bamboo scraps, 25 bales feathers. For Antwerp, Bremen and Hamburg:—200 bales bamboo. For Amsterdam:—8 rolls matting, 2 cases camphorwood trunks. For Amsterdam and Rotterdam:—268 rolls matting. For Rotterdam:—76 bales canes. For Bremerhaven:—5 cases teakwood. For Bremen:—225 rolls matting, 11 cases rattanware. For Hamburg:—200 cases cassia, 54 rolls matting, 39 cases chinaware, 20 cases paper, 13 cases camphorwood trunks, 12 cases ginger, 12 cases sundries, 8 cases blackwoodware, 2 cases china ink, 2 cases feathers, 2 cases woodware, 1 case lacquerware. For Danzig:—2 cases effects.

Per M. M. steamer *Yarra*, sailed on 23rd Feb. For Marseilles:—20 bales raw silk, 19 bales human hair, 2 cases hats, 4 cases silverware, etc, 10 cases paper, 1 case silk embroideries, 4 cases photographic goods, 6 cases tea.

EXCHANGE.

FRIDAY, 26th February.

ON LONDON.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	1/10½
Bank Bills, on demand	1/10½
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	1/10½
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1/10½
Credits, at 4 months' sight	1/10½
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	1/10½
ON PARIS.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	233½
ON GERMANY.—	
Credits 4 months' sight	238
On demand	190½
ON NEW YORK.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	45½
Credits, 60 days' sight	46
ON BOMBAY.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	137½
Bank, on demand	137½
ON CALCUTTA.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	137½
Bank, on demand	137½
ON SHANGHAI.—	
Bank, at sight	71
Private, 30 days' sight	71½
ON YOKOHAMA.—	
On demand	91½
ON MANILA.—	
On demand	nominal
ON SINGAPORE.—	
On demand	nominal
ON BATAVIA.—	
On demand	111½
ON HAIPHONG.—	
On demand	1½ p.c.p.m.
ON SAIGON.—	
On demand	1 p.c.p.m.
ON BANGKOK.—	
On demand	63
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate ..	\$10.75
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael	56.75
BAR SILVER, per oz.	26½

SHARE REPORT.

HONGKONG, 26th February, 1904.—Owing to the Race holidays, business during the past week has been practically at a standstill, and there is but little of interest to report. The general tone of our market is still weak, and selling quotations predominate.

BANKS.—Small sales of Hongkong and Shanghai are reported at \$612 ex the dividend of 31/- and bonus of 10/- (at ex 1/8½ = \$22.99) per share for the half year ended 31st December 1903, paid on the 22nd instant. London is unchanged at £59 ex dividend.

MARINE INSURANCES.—China Traders are weaker with sellers at \$54. Other quotations are unaltered.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Chinas have been booked at \$90 and more shares are procurable. Hongkongs are easier with sellers at \$305 after a small sale at the rate.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao continue on offer at \$28. Indo-Chinas have been booked at \$82, and close with sellers at \$82½. China and Manilas are still on offer at \$24, and Douglases at the reduced rate of \$34. Star Ferries are procurable at \$30 (old) and \$18½ (new). Shell Transports have been booked at 21/- and 20/- and closed with sellers at the latter rate.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars have sold and close steady at \$107. Luzons are neglected at \$10 sellers.

MINING.—No business is reported under this head and quotations are unchanged.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks are slightly firmer with sales at \$200 and \$201, ex the dividend of \$6 and bonus of \$1 per share for the half-year ending 31st December 1903, paid on the 23rd instant, the market closing with probable buyers at \$201 and sellers at \$202. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves are firm with small sales and further buyers at \$95. Farnham Boyds are lower in the north with sellers at Tls. 136.

LANDS, HOTELS, AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands continue weak with sellers at \$149. Kowloon Lands, West Points and Hotels are all procurable at last quotations. Humphreys Estates have declined to \$10½ with sellers. Shanghai Lands are easier in the North at Tls. 111 cum the final dividend and bonus of Tls. 5 per share for 1903 paid in Shanghai on the 24th inst.

COTTON MILLS.—No business is reported and quotations are unchanged.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Green Island Cements are easier with sellers at \$24½. Small sales of Ropes at \$145 have been effected. Steam Water Boats can be procured at \$15½. China Providents are in the market at \$8.90, and Watkins at \$7½.

MEMOS.—Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. ordinary yearly meeting on the 5th March. China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., ordinary yearly meeting on the 10th March. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., ordinary yearly meeting on the 10th March, transfer books close from the 1st to 10th March inclusive. Closing quotations are as follows:—

COMPANY.	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.
Banks—		
Hongkong & S'hai...	\$125	{ \$612, ex div., L'don, £59. ex [div.,
Natl. Bank of China		
A. Shares	28	\$34, buyers
B. Shares	28	\$34, buyers
Foun. Shares...	21	\$10.
Insurance—		
Union	\$100	\$400, sellers
China Traders	\$25	\$54, sellers
North China.....	25	Tls. 67.
Yangtze.....	\$60	\$135.
Canton.....	\$50	\$175, sellers
Hongkong Fire	\$50	\$305, sellers
China Fire	\$20	\$90, sellers
Steamship Coys.—		
H. Canton and M...	\$15	\$28, sellers
Indo-China S. N. ...	210	\$82½, sellers
China and Manila...	\$50	\$24, sellers
Douglas Steamship	\$50	\$34, sellers
Star Ferry.....	\$10	\$30, sellers
Shell Transport and		
Trading Co.....	21	20s. sellers
Do. pref. shares.....	210	210, nominal
Refineries—		
China Sugar	\$100	\$107, sales
Luzon Sugar.....	\$100	\$10, sellers
Mining—		
Punjom	\$11	\$1, sellers
Do. Preference...	\$1	25 cents
Charbonnages	Fcs. 250	\$600, sellers
Raubas	18/10d.	\$6, sellers
Docks, Etc.—		
H. & W. Dock	\$50	\$201½, ex div.,
H. & K. Wharf & G.	\$50	\$95, sales
New Amoy Dock ..	\$64	\$37½, sellers
S. C. F. Boyd & Co...	Tls. 100	Tls. 136.
Land and Building—		
Hongkong Land Inv.	\$100	\$149, sellers
Kowloon Land & B.	\$30	55, sellers
West Point Building	\$50	\$54, sellers
Hongkong Hotel	\$50	\$146, sellers
Humphreys Estate {	\$24	\$104, sellers
S'hai Land Ins. Co., Ltd.	Tls. 50	Tls. 111. cum div.,
Cotton Mills—		
Ewo	Tls. 50	Tls. 33, sellers
International ...	Tls. 75	Tls. 25.
Laou Kung Mow ...	Tls. 100	Tls. 32½.
Soychee	Tls. 500	Tls. 170.
Hongkong	\$10	\$15½, sellers
Green Island Cement.	\$10	\$24½, sellers
China-Borneo Co., Ltd.	\$12	\$8½, sellers
Watson & Co., A. S...	\$10	\$14½, sellers
Hongkong Electric {	\$5	\$7, sellers
Hongkong & C. Gas...	210	\$140, buyers
Hongkong Rope.....	\$50	\$145, sales
Fenwick & Co., Geo.	\$25	\$51.
Hongkong Ice	\$25	\$228, sellers
H. H. L. Tramways...	\$100	\$300.
Hk. Steam Water-}		
Boat Co., Ltd.	\$10	{ \$15½, sellers
Dairy Farm	\$6	\$12½.
Campbell, Moore & Co.	\$10	\$40, sellers
Bell's Asbestos E. A...	12/6	\$5, sellers
United Asbestos	\$4	\$9.
Do.....	\$10	\$210, buyers
Tebrau Planting Co...	\$5	\$1, sellers
China Prov. L. & M.	\$10	\$890, sellers
Watkins Ltd.....	\$10	\$7½, sales & sellers
China Light & Power }		
Co., Ltd.	\$10	\$5.
Powell, Ltd.	\$10	\$9½, sellers
Shanghai and Hong-		
kong Dyeing and	\$50	\$50.
Cleaning Co., Ltd.		
Canton, Hongkong Ice	\$10	\$10, nominal
Cigar Companies—		
Alhambra Limited.	\$500	\$200.
Phippine Tobacco }		
Trust Co., Ltd.)	\$10	\$10, buyers

VERNON & SMYTH, Brokers.

TONNAGE.

HONGKONG, 26th February.—Freights continue firm, and there is a good demand for tonnage all round. From Saigon to Hongkong, 18 cents last and 20 cents per picul offering; to Philippines, 38 cents last and offering. From Rangoon to Philippines, one fixture reported at 58 cents per picul. From Iloilo to Japan, 5 cents per picul offering. Coal freights are firm. From Moji to Hongkong, \$2.60; to Singapore, \$2.60; to Manila, \$3.50 offering. Time charters.—A large number of handy sized boats have been closed, mostly for Japanese account, particulars given below. The following are the settlements:—

Fushin—British steamer, Moji to Hongkong, \$2.50 per ton.

Bjorn—Norwegian steamer, 722 tons, Saigon to one or two ports Philippines, 38 and 40 cents per picul.

Quangnam—French steamer, 710 tons, Saigon to Philippines, 38 cents per picul.

Mathilde—German steamer, 678 tons, Saigon to one port Philippines, 38 cents per picul.

Dagmar—Norwegian steamer, 383 tons, Saigon to one port Philippines, 38 cents per picul.

China—German steamer, 1,093 tons, Saigon to Hongkong, 18 cents per picul.

Petrarch—German steamer, 1,252 tons, Rangoon to one port Philippines, 58 cents per picul.

Jacob Diedericksen—German steamer, 623 tons, monthly, 1½ months, private terms.

Prosper—German steamer, 799 tons, monthly, 6 months, at \$7,100 per month.

Irina—Norwegian steamer, 761 tons, monthly, 6 months, at \$6,500 per month.

Amoy—German steamer, 732 tons, monthly, 6 months, at yen 6,250 per month.

Independent—German steamer, 1,040 tons, monthly, 6 months, at \$6,250 per month.

Germany—German steamer, 1,714 tons, monthly, 6 months, at \$8,500 per month.

Amigo—German steamer, 822 tons, monthly, 6 months, at \$5,700 per month.

Quarta—German steamer, 1,146 tons, monthly, 9 months, at \$7,350 per month.

Decima—German steamer, 794 tons, monthly, 9 months, at \$6,000 per month.

Bygdo—Norwegian steamer, 771 tons, monthly, 9 months, private terms.

Stolberg—German steamer, 1,553 tons, monthly, 6½ months, at \$13,000 per month.

SHIPPING

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES SINCE LAST MAIL.

ARRIVALS.

February—

- 21, Agamemnon, British str., from Liverpool.
- 21, Benalmond, British str., from Rangoon.
- 21, Bourbon, French str., from Saigon.
- 21, Haitan, British str., from Swatow.
- 21, Mogul, British str., from Manila.
- 21, Paklat, German str., from Bangkok.
- 21, Pelayo, British str., from Singapore.
- 21, Yarra, French str., from Shanghai.
- 22, Ferndene, British str., from Wellington.
- 22, Hinsang, British str., from Kutchinotzu.
- 22, Holstein, German str., from Moji.
- 22, Java, British str., from Singapore.
- 22, Loongsang, British str., from Manila.
- 22, Phra Naug, German str., from Anghin.
- 22, Queen Mary, British str., from Moji.
- 22, Rurby, British str., from Kutchinotzu.
- 22, Zafiro, British str., from Manila.
- 23, Goodwin, British str., from Moji.
- 23, Gregory Apcar, British str., from Calcutta.
- 23, Hailong, British str., from Swatow.
- 23, Haldis, Norwegian str., from Singapore.
- 23, Hangsang, British str., from Canton.
- 23, Kampot, French str., from Saigon.
- 23, Kowloon, German str., from Canton.
- 23, Kwanglee, Chinese str., from Canton.
- 23, Panha, British str., from Rangoon.
- 23, P. C. J. Kiao, German str., from Anghin.
- 23, Whampoa, British str., from Canton.
- 24, Amphitrite, British str., from Weihaiwei.
- 24, Anerley, British str., from Moji.
- 24, Ascat, British str., from Moji.
- 24, Bechly, British str., from Mororan.
- 24, Devawongse, German str., from Bangkok.
- 24, Hanoi, French str., from Haiphong.
- 24, Hanyang, British str., from Canton.
- 24, Scotia, British str., from Manila.
- 24, Shantung, German str., from Swatow.
- 24, Sydney, French str., from Marseilles.

- 24, Thales, British str., from Coast Ports.
- 24, Triumph, German str., from Swatow.
- 24, Yochow, British str., from Canton.
- 25, Chusan, British str., from Shanghai.
- 25, Goshing, British str., from Barry.
- 25, Germania, German str., from Samarang.
- 25, Kalgau, British str., from Canton.
- 25, Taiping, Chinese str., from Canton.
- 25, Tamsan, British str., from Sourabaya.
- 25, Tamsui, British str., from Shanghai.
- 25, Tientsin, British str., from Canton.
- 25, Wosang, British str., from Canton.
- 26, Esang, British str., from Canton.
- 26, Fiume, German str., from Cardiff.
- 26, Hailong, British str., from Swatow.
- 26, Kwangtah, Chinese str., from Shanghai.
- 26, Meefoo, Chinese str., from Canton.
- 26, Nankiu, British str., from Bombay.
- 26, Quarta, German str., from Sourabaya.
- 26, Seestern, Ger. yacht, from Ger. N. Guinea.
- 26, Shansi, British str., from Canton.
- 26, Taksang, British str., from Canton.

February—DEPARTURES.

- 21, Hailong, British str., for Swatow.
- 21, Hangsang, British str., for Canton.
- 21, Hong Moh, British str., for Amoy.
- 21, Lyceum, German str., for Canton.
- 21, Michael Jensen, German str., for Hoihow.
- 21, M. Struve, German str., for Swatow.
- 21, Sabine Rickmers, British str., for Swatow.
- 21, Samara, British str., for Yokohama.
- 22, Mausang, British str., for Sandakan.
- 23, Eastern, British str., for Kobe.
- 23, Gisela, Austrian str., for Trieste.
- 23, Haitan, French str., for Swatow.
- 23, Hoihao, French str., for Haiphong.
- 23, Pelayo, British str., for Shanghai.
- 23, Prometheus, Norwegian str., for Takao.
- 23, Purnea, British str., for Amoy.
- 23, Taishun, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
- 23, Yarra, French str., for Europe.
- 24, Borneo, German str., for Kudat.
- 24, Coptic, British str., for San Francisco.
- 24, Elisab. Rickmers, German str., for Swatow.
- 24, Hailong, British str., for Swatow.
- 24, Hangsang, British str., for Calcutta.
- 24, Indrapura, British str., for Portland.
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- 24, Kansu, British str., for Manila.
- 24, Keongwai, German str., for Swatow.
- 24, Kwanglee, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
- 24, Loongsang, British str., for Shanghai.
- 24, Mogul, British str., for Shanghai.
- 24, Nanfa, British str., for Manila.
- 24, Petrarch, German str., for Rangoon.
- 24, Sambia, German str., for Yokohama.
- 24, Silesia, Austrian str., for Kobe.
- 24, Tartar, British str., for Vancouver.
- 25, Agamemnon, British str., for Nagasaki.
- 25, China, German str., for Saigon.
- 25, Hanyang, British str., for Saigon.
- 25, Java, British str., for Shanghai.
- 25, Kowloon, German str., for Chinkiang.
- 25, Panha, British str., for Kobe.
- 25, Sydney, French str., for Shanghai.
- 25, Whampoa, British str., for Shanghai.
- 26, Amphitrite, British cruiser, for Mrs Bay.
- 26, Bourbon, French str., for Saigon.
- 26, Chingwo, British str., for Portland.
- 26, Chowtai, German str., for Bangkok.
- 26, Mongkut, German str., for Bangkok.
- 26, M. S. Dollar, British str., for Calcutta.
- 26, Tacoma, American str., for Tacoma.
- 26, Thales, British str., for Coast Ports.
- 26, Triumph, German str., for Coast Ports.
- 26, Yochow, British str., for Shanghai.

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